



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: August 2nd @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Monday, July 13th @ 5:30 pm - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday, July 9nd @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday July 11th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - July 26th - ThreeHouse Collaborative (Campus Ministry)
- VBS is still looking for volunteers August 3-6. Please let Christy, Becky, Lindsey or Jim know if you are interested.

- RUCC Volunteer @ Tama County Fair - Tue. July 14th - 10:00 am - to 3:00 pm
 - Sign up to Volunteer is on the counter in the church Kitchen
 - Do you like to bake? Pies/Bars needed for that day.
 - Questions contact Patty Calderwood 319-269-7286

Collection for Junkman/Knobel Center - Pathways - June/July

- Collection of items to be donated to the Residential Center
 - Towels - Gently Used is Acceptable, Twin Size Linens
- Furniture - Gently Used is Acceptable
 - If you have something to give we should contact them to make sure that it is acceptable and meets their needs.
- Cleaning Products
 - Dish soap, dishwasher soap etc
- Male and Female Hygiene Products
 - Soap and Shampoo/Conditioner Toothbrushes and toothpaste
 - feminine hygiene products NO Razors please
- Recreational Items - Gently Used is acceptable
 - Bags game or pool table, Board games, 1000 piece jigsaw puzzles, Art/painting supplies
- Contact Laura for Questions - 319-239-3188

Winding Stairs Festival - Aug. 7th, 8th, 9th

- Ripley Hosts Sunday worship and fellowship after at the Memorial Bldg



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

July 5th, 2026
Proper 9 / Independence Day



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 145):

- One: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- Many: The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**
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- One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all you faithful shall bless you.
- Many: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds...**

Call to Worship:

- One: Let us worship in the presence of a gracious and merciful God.
- Many: Amen**

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" (black hymnal #459)

Confession

One: Our Gospel calls us to take on the "yoke" of Christ, to walk the Path that he has blazed.

Many: We know the Way, but we do not walk it. We hear the call, but fail to fully commit.

One: Christ promises freedom and rest for those who choose the path of righteousness and repentance.

Many: In our hubris and complacency, we reject the gifts Christ offers.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Help us to grow into the new life you have promised.

Silent Prayer

Assurance:

One: Hear the Gospel! Our God is a gracious and loving God.

Many: By His grace, we are forgiven

One: By His love, we are set free

All: Amen

Passing the Peace/ Children's Procession

Our scripture teaches that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who enter it like a child. As our children come forward, it is our custom to greet each other from our places, then sing the children to the front with the traditional song "This Little Light of Mine." If you are worshipping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration: "Peace Like a River"

Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Message: "The Yoke of Freedom"

***Response:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (black hymnal #472)

Offertory:

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (black hymnal #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Communion

Invitation

One: Our faith is one of extravagant welcome. We honor God's table, open to all.

Many: We gather with all Creation.

Prayer

One: God be with you

Many: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them up to God

One: Let us give thanks to God

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise

One: God of all creation, we give thanks for your continuous care. We praise the living, mortal example of your son, Jesus Christ, who offers a path to salvation. We honor the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of your truth, your presence and your promise.

Many: God of Love and Grace, the whole Universe speaks to your Glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna!

Setting the Table

One: We remember that on the night of his betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: This table is God's table, open to all creation. These elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured for you. This faith we share is the Spirit, which unites us in Holy Communion. For this, we give thanks.

Many: We proclaim our continuing faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and offer our lives in service.

One: Let us pray the words Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Call to the Supper

One: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

One: The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God

Many: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins

Many: have mercy on us

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world

Many: give us your peace

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Many: Amen!

One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Many: Amen!

***Closing Hymn:** "America the Beautiful" (black hymnal #594)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit

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Thank you for attending Ripley UCC. We're glad you came.

"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

***Accompanist today was Carston Calderwood

***CE helper was Lindsey Coppoc





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and Installation
for Jim Coppoc**

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Ripley United Church of Christ,
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