



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 16th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday August TBD @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - July 26th - ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries
- VBS is still looking for volunteers August 3-6. Please let Christy, Becky, Lindsey or Jim know if you are interested.

NEXT WEEK!

- RUCC Volunteer @ Tama County Fair - Tue. July 14th - 10:00 am - to 3:00 pm
 - We can use a few more Volunteers
 - Sign up 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, twin linens, furniture (ask first), cleaning products, hygiene products (no razors, recreational items, etc.
 - Gently used is acceptable
- Contact Laura for Questions - 319-239-3188

Service of Ordination/Installation!

- On Saturday, August 1, at 4:00 pm, Ripley will host clergy and lay members from Central Iowa and beyond for Pastor Jim's ordination and installation as our settled minister. You are all invited to share in the moment. A potluck at Taylor Park follows, with music by Charles Michels, III.
- If you'd like to help with the potluck part of this, please let Jim know.

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

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

THANK YOU to Kathy, Lindsey and Becky for all the work they put into our Free Sale, and thank you to all who donated.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

July 12th, 2026
Proper 10



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 119):

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path
Many: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

One: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
Many: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship in the presence of a righteous and loving God.
Many: Amen

*Opening Hymn: "Thy Word" (red hymnal #184)

Confession

One: Our Gospel offers love, hope, freedom and righteousness.
Many: The Good News is there, but we fail to see it.

One: Christ has set for us a new path of life over death, love over hate, freedom from the bondage of sin.

Many: We reject the freedom 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: "Good Is So Good"

Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Message: "Good Soil"

***Response:** "I Love to Tell the Story" (black hymnal #522)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" (black hymnal #393)

***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."

***CE helper today was Jose Hulme

***Reader was Lindsey Coppoc

Find us online at www.ripleyucc.org, or by searching "Ripley United Church of Christ" on Facebook. Or join us for refreshments downstairs after the service. An elevator is available by the south door for those who need it.

Pr. Jim is available to the community at 515-708-4343 (text is best) or jimatripley@gmail.com

