

| Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: August 2nd @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Aug. TBD @ 5:30 pm - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday, Aug. 6th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday August 15th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - August 30th - ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace Field Trip - FRIDAY Sept. 11th
 - Mark your Calendars - Details to follow.

VBS Starts Tomorrow!

- VBS is still looking for volunteers Monday Night through Thursday this week. Please let Christy, Becky, Lindsey or Jim know if you are interested.

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

Ripley to Host Community Worship Service: Sun. Aug 9th at the Memorial Bldg

- Help is needed to provide Cookies, Bars and assistance to serve - sign up in the kitchen
- Help is needed at the Pancake Breakfast at the Presbyterian Church that is open to the public and benefits CHAT. Sign up in the Kitchen at Ripley.

Backpack Blessing!

- On Sunday, August 23rd, we will recognize our school-aged children with a "Backpack Blessing." The children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to receive a special gift and a prayer.
- If you know or are aware of a child in our community who might benefit from feeling connected to a local church, please feel free to invite them.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

August 2nd, 2026
Proper 13



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.**

One: The LORD upholds all who are failing, and raises up all who are bowed down.
Many: **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Call to Worship:

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

***Opening Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (black hymnal #4)

Confession

One: God calls us again and again to be steadfast in our faith, even in adversity.
Many: **Our dedication falters. We fail to persevere.**

One: God promises an end to all suffering for those who believe, and continue to follow his commandments.

Many: We become overwhelmed, and fall away from the love, grace, justice and inclusion our Gospel demands.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Help us to remain faithful, and trust your Providence.

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 worshiping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration: "Oil in my Lamp"

Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Message: "Wrestling with God"

***Response:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (black hymnal #436)

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: “I Come to the Garden Alone” (black hymnal #237)**

***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 Lindsey Coppoc

***Reader was

The congregation of Ripley UCC extends its deepest condolences to the Staker/Youel/Hulme family, who have lost two cherished members in a very short time.

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
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