



Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday, Sept. 17th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Oct. 10th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Sept. 27th - ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sept. 13th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Sept. 15th @ 5:30 pm - Office

Our Four-Year Bible Journey

TODAY is the first day of our four-year journey through the Narrative Lectionary. We will begin with the Flood, and God's promise to us. Over the next few weeks/months, please let Pastor Jim know how the new system is working. There's always room to fine tune. :)

Alive and Running!

Next Sunday, September 20, representatives from Alive and Running will be here to speak to our church during worship about their mission, and the role local churches can play. As a trigger warning, this is a suicide prevention organization, which means there will be talk of suicide. The tone is informational, but the trigger is worth noting, Speakers in the Christian Ed room will be muted.

Faith Opportunities in our Area:

- Women's Retreat, Dysart Methodist, M & T Sept. 20/21 @ Hickory Hills Lodge
 - Invitations with details are on the back table

Gratitude

Thank you to those who participated in Sleep In Heavenly Peace on Friday. Because of you, children who did not have any bed before will sleep in high quality beds under handmade quilts, knowing they are loved.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

September 13th, 2026
Flood and Promise



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (Excerpted from Psalm 19):

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.
Many: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

One: The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.
Many: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

Call to Worship:

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

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

Confession

One: Our faith reminds of God's promise—his forgiveness and his grace.

Many: Can we do less? We are called to mercy, love, grace, justice and inclusion.

One: The rainbow is God's sign that ALL are included is his mercy and his love.

Many: We fail to live up to this standard. We separate, isolate, and treat others as less than ourselves

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Help us to become more like Jesus. To love God, love our neighbor, and love each other as He has loved us.

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: "Rainbow Connection

Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Message: "The Power and the Promise"

***Response:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (black hymnal #28)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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

***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 Dalton Hulme

***Reader was

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

