



Celebration of Worship

October 11th, 2026
Covenant and Commandments



Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday Oct. 15th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Oct. 10th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Oct. 25th - ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Today - Oct. 11th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Oct. 13th @ 5:30 pm - Office

Mark your Calendars - Ripley's Fall Gathering - Oct. 25th

Enjoy a celebration of Fall and Ripley followed by Fellowship that includes Trivia Activities and Brunch. More details to follow.

Children's Concert and Pizza Party!

Saturday, November 24th, at 11:30 am, Pastor Jim will sing and play for the children of our community. Ripley will provide pizza. He could use 3-4 volunteers for setup and cleanup. More details to follow. :)

Reinbeck Community Church to host "HIGHER POWER QUARTET"

November 1st - 3:00 pm - 505 Spruce Street - Reinbeck
No Admission - Free Will Offering - Refreshments and Fellowship to follow

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 commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes...

One: More to be desired are they than gold...sweeter also than honey...

Many: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Call to Worship:

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Praise to the Living God" (black hymnal #8)

Confession

One: God has covenanted with us, again and again, to show us a righteous path, and make us God's people.
Many: We know the Word, we know the Spirit, we know the example of God's son, but still in our pride we turn away.

One: Our scripture equips us, the Spirit emboldens us, Jesus Christ himself walks before us.
Many: We fail to follow. We do not see, serve and love as our faith requires.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.
Many: Be with us on the journey. Keep us from harm. Help us to serve you better.

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: "Thy Word"

Reading: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Message: "On Covenant and Command"

***Response:** "Great Is Your Faithfulness" (black hymnal #423)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** "Here I Am, Lord" (red hymnal #589)

***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