



Celebration of Worship

October 18th, 2026
Joshua Renews the Covenant



Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday Oct. 22nd @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Nov. 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Oct. 25th - ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Today - Nov. 8th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Nov. 10th @ 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 for all in attendance.

Children's Concert and Pizza Party!

Saturday, November 21st, 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 (adapted from Psalm 19):

- One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
- Many: For he will deliver us from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence... and under his wings we will find refuge;**
- One: His faithfulness is a shield and a defense.
- Many: Because we have made the LORD our refuge... no evil shall befall us, no scourge come near our tent.**

Call to Worship:

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

***Opening Hymn:** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (black hymnal #403)

Confession

- One: We are called to serve the LORD in all sincerity and faithfulness.
- Many: Too often, we let our hearts and our intentions drift. We do not give our whole selves to God.**

One: Our faith demands we serve only one God.
Many: We give in to the false idols of money, power, attention, and the things of this world.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.
Many: Help us to serve only you, to avoid temptation, to become the people of God.

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: "I Am Kind"

Reading: Joshua 24:1-15

Message: "Renewing the Covenant"

***Response:** "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" (black hymnal #448)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** "God's Eye is On the Sparrow" (red hymnal #475)

***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 David Calderwood

***Reader was Denis Winklepleck, Jr.

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