



Celebration of Worship

October 25th, 2026
David and Bathsheba



Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday Oct. 29th @ 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

Ripley's Fall Gathering - It's TODAY!!!

Join us for Fellowship after services today. Trivia Activities and Brunch!

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. Signup is in the kitchen.

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 51):

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love...

Many: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

One: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Many: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Call to Worship:

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

Many: Amen

*Opening Hymn: "Sanctuary" (insert)

Confession

One: Our scripture reminds us "all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."

Many: We fail to reconcile ourselves to you, God, to make amends for the harm we have done, to restore our connection to your grace and love.

One: Our Gospel offers us a path to salvation through repentance and grace.

Many: We expect grace, but fail to repent. We do not keep our part of this holy covenant.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Help us to learn your ways, to follow your paths, and to return to you again and again, so long as we live.

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: 2 Sam 11:1-5, 11:26-27 and 12:1-9

Message: "Unearned Grace"

***Response:** "Amazing Grace" (black hymnal #547)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

***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

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



Sanctuary

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs (CCLI #24140)

Chorus:

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Verse 1:

It is you, Lord, who came to save
The heart and soul of every man
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength with thine own hand

(chorus)

Verse 2:

Lead me on, Lord, from temptation
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(chorus x2)



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