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Since the beginning, Ripple has had a heart for those who are lost, living on the margins, and need hope. They have learned what it means to be church and community together. They worship and serve together, recognizing that everyone has gifts and dignity. Just because you are homeless or didn't grow up in the church, doesn't mean you aren't included in the service or work of the church. Ripple works at mutuality and solidarity. How can we share what we have? How can we honor and respect one another? And how can we stand up for those on the margins or feel like they have no voice? In this way God's love Ripples out into the community

Today they meet at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on the corner of Turner and Franklin Street. Their worship service is always at 4pm with a fellowship meal afterward. As Ripple continues to grow, they work to keep Jesus as their Center. They say, "We are not always perfect, but as we seek Jesus, we are all transformed."

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