

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST
"O God Our Help in ages Past"

*THE BENEDICTION

Hymn 117



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

June 14, 2009
9:25 a.m.

2nd Sunday after the Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

The first star of the evening was singing in the sky high above our blanket in the park.
And by the twilight's gleaming on the 4th day of July the city band played on into the dark.

And then a canon blast, a golden flame unfolding, exploded in a momentary bloom.

The pedals fell and scattered like ashes on the ocean
as another volley burst into the blue...
but the first star of the evening never moved

We stood in silence, the young ones and the old, as the bright procession passed us by.

A generation dying, another being born,
a long crescendo played out in the sky.

This nation, indivisible, will perish from the Earth
as surely as the leaves must change and fall

And the band will end the anthem; to dust she will return;

So the sun must set on all things, great and small
But the first star of the evening will outlive them all

- Ben Shive, 4th of July

This morning we welcome Ben Shive, singer, songwriter, and producer, from Nashville, Tennessee to lead us in worship as we praise God together. May you be blessed by God this morning and be a blessing to God everyday.

The asterisk (*) designates when the congregation will please stand.
Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.

Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.

WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to sign and pass the *Ritual of Friendship pads*.

When it reaches the end of the pew, please pass it back so that all may note those worshipping today.

Cards are available in the pew for those desiring to request prayer or praise

for specific needs, concerns and joys. Please place the card in the offering plate during the offering.

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

Our Missionaries

Rev. Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries
Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone
Rev. Ken Vance, Missionary, Ndola, Town Center, Kafakumba Pastor's School, Africa

Specialized Ministries

Randy Manning, Director of Music Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist
Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager
Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider T.J. Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Don & Betty Fields and Jim Williams.

The Acolyte is Chris Pinto.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Georgeann Jackson, Barb Angel, Staff Parish Committee and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Pat & Bruce Hayes and

Donna Faulkner in honor of her daughter, Brenda's birthday.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

PRAISING GOD THROUGH MUSIC

“**And Can It Be**”

“*Out of Tune*”

“*Do You Remember*”

“*Rise Up*”

“***It is Well with My Soul***”

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Christ Jesus, image of the invisible God, reveal yourself to us.**

Christ Jesus, Prince of Peace, calm our busy minds to worship You.

Christ Jesus, wise and compassionate, speak Your word to us.

Christ Jesus, in whom all things were created, forgive us and recreate us.

Christ Jesus, head of the Church, make us one.

Christ Jesus, fullness of God, have mercy upon us.

Christ Jesus, hear us now as we pray.

Moments of Silent Prayer

*Those desiring to come to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer
are welcome to come and kneel or stand.*

All are invited to spend these moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

*If you are visiting this morning, you are our guest. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that
the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithe to your church. May we all remember that giving to
God in response to His great love is the most celebrative moment of corporate worship. Today's loose
coin offering is dedicated to Relay for Life.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“*The Fall*”

Prayer of Dedication

by Ben Shive

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO PASTOR CHRIS AND THE ROBERTS FAMILY

Pastor Chris: I thank you, the members and friends of Grace United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me and my family while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made and celebrate the ministries that we have shared together. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

All: **We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.**

Pastor Chris: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness and celebrate our ministries together as I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new associate pastor, Stacey.

Pastor Steve: Let us pray together.

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. We pray for your blessing upon Pastor Chris, Renee and their family as they go to serve you at a new appointment. We ask your guidance as we remain faithful to your Holy Spirit here in our Church family. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*During the playing of the hymn, “Jesus Loves Me” children, preschool through Grade 2,
are invited to attend Children’s Church in the Multi-Purpose Room, lower level. An adult will meet the
children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones.*

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 13

THE PROCLAMATION

OUTLIVES US ALL

Pastor Chris Roberts

SONG OF REFLECTION

“*4th of July*”

by Ben Shive