

LEADER Lord, hear our prayer;  
PEOPLE **and let our cry come to you.**  
LEADER Let us pray.

### Collect

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

*Silence*

### \*Benediction

*Romans 15:13*

LEADER May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### \*Song

*"God Our Father (Let Your Kingdom Come)"*

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God our Father, King of heaven, let your kingdom come.  
On the earth as in your heaven, let your will be done.

Everything we need you've given; bread for every day.  
In your mercy we're forgiven, may we show your grace.

*Chorus:*

*Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.*

Lead us not into temptation, help us walk your ways.  
Lord, deliver us from evil, hear us as we pray: *(to chorus)*

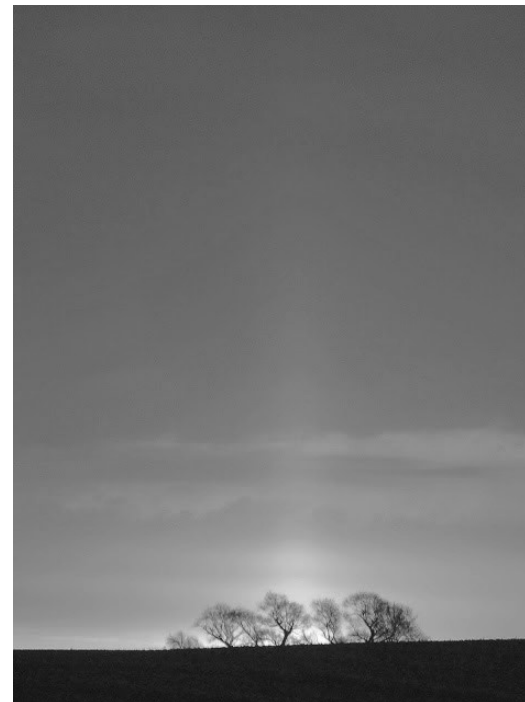
*Bridge:*

*For the kingdom and the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever, forevermore. (to chorus)*

### \*Pass the Peace

# Vespers

a service of Evening Prayer at Covenant CRC



Vespers, also known as Evening Prayer or Evensong, is one of the fixed times of prayer in Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions, as well as others around the world. The word *Vespers* comes from the Latin word for evening, and so these prayers are often prayed at sunset.

Here at Covenant, as dusk begins to fall, we will join in prayers of thanksgiving, praise, and intercession to the God who "from the darkness of the tomb drew forth the light of the world, who led us through the waters of death, and made us children of light singing Alleluias and dancing to the music of new life." (from *The Book of Common Worship*)

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# Ordinary Time

## August 8, 2021

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Scripture

*John 8:12*

LEADER Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

*Silence*

### \*Song

*"Bless the Lord, My Soul"* *LUYH 836*

### \*Greeting

*Philippians 1:2*

LEADER Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### \*Opening Sentences

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;

PEOPLE **the maker of heaven and earth.**

LEADER It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

PEOPLE **to sing your praise, O Most High;**

LEADER to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

PEOPLE **and your faithfulness at night.**

### Song

*"The Goodness of God"*

### Prayer of Confession

LEADER Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence*

PEOPLE **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

### The Lessons

#### First Lesson

*I Kings 19:1-8*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

#### Second Lesson

*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: Imitate Someone

### \*Song

*"God Be in My Head"* *LUYH 858*

### The Prayers

#### Prayers of the People

LEADER Fill us with your Spirit's power;

PEOPLE **that we may be one with Christ, as Christ in one with you.**

#### 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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and glory forever. Amen.**

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

LEADER O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

LEADER Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

PEOPLE **as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Alleluia. Amen.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 130*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

2 Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

**3 If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?**

**4 But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

**6 I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

7 Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.

**8 He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.**

LEADER Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit.

LEADER Most merciful God,

PEOPLE **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## The Assurance

LEADER Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all  
your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen  
you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit keep you in eternal life.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

## \*Song

*"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"*

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What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.