

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

### 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*

LEADER Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,  
PEOPLE **that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep rest in his peace.**

LEADER May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us,  
this night and forevermore.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Parting Song

*"O God, You Are My God"* LUYH 743

### \*Sharing the Peace

LEADER The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

### \*Choral Benediction

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* Timothy Van Voorst

*Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.*

# 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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# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## February 6, 2022

### Words of Welcome

#### Opening Scripture

*Psalm 139:10-11*

LEADER If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

*Silence*

#### Greeting

LEADER Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

#### Opening Prayer

LEADER Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### \*Song

*"Come Light Our Hearts"*

Words and music: Sandra McCracken

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*Chorus:*

*For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.*

*For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.*

*Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You.*

O Lord of life, our only hope,  
your radiance shines on all who look to you in the dark.  
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts. *(to chorus)*

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

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

### The Lessons

#### The First Lesson

*Luke 5:1-11*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

#### Song

*"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"*

*LUYH 116*

#### The Second Lesson

*Isaiah 6*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: The Fire and the Call

#### \*Song

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

*LUYH 863:1-5*

*Vs.1—All, Vs.2—Women & Children, Vs.3—Men, Vs.4&5—All*

### The Prayers

#### Prayers of the People

LEADER We pray to you, O God;

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

PEOPLE **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.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far does God remove our sins from us.

## Choral Response

*"Amazing Grace"*

*arr. Bruce Stevenson*

LEADER O God, make speed to save us.  
PEOPLE **O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
LEADER Glory be to the Father, and the to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
PEOPLE **As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be. Alleluia. Amen.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 138*

1 I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;  
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.  
2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and will praise your name  
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,  
for you have so exalted your solemn decree  
that it surpasses your fame.**  
3 When I called, you answered me;  
you greatly emboldened me.  
4 **May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,  
when they hear what you have decreed.**  
5 May they sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for the glory of the Lord is great.  
6 **Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
though lofty, he sees them from afar.**  
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life.  
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
with your right hand you save me.  
8 **The Lord will vindicate me;  
your love, Lord, endures forever—  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## Choral Response

*"We Are Not Alone"*

*Pepper Choplin*

O Joy above all other loves,  
in you we find more than enough.  
We come as we are, O heal and restore.  
Come light our hearts. *(to chorus)*

## \*Opening Sentences

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;  
PEOPLE **the maker of heaven and earth.**  
LEADER Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
PEOPLE **the light no darkness can overcome.**  
LEADER Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening  
PEOPLE **and the day is almost over.**  
LEADER Let your light scatter the darkness  
PEOPLE **and illumine your church.**

## Choral Hymn

*"This Is My Father's World"*

*arr. Elaine Hagenberg*

## Prayer of Confession

*Silence*

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

*Psalm 103:11-12*

LEADER For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God's steadfast love.