

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.**

*Parting Song

"Be Thou My Vision" *LUYH 859:1,2*

*Call to Service

LEADER Go forth to greet the world at work,
as here the Lord has greeted us in worship.
Go forth in the name of God the Creator,
PEOPLE **whose strength empowers us;**
LEADER in the name of Christ the Redeemer,
PEOPLE **whose love transforms us;**
LEADER and in the name of the Holy Spirit,
PEOPLE **whose presence guides us.**

*Sharing the Peace

LEADER The peace of the Lord be with you always.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.

Vespers

A service of evening prayer at Covenant CRC



Welcome to Vespers.

This service of evening prayer will use liturgies from *The Book of Common Prayer* that lead us to pray and ponder through psalms, silence, songs, and meditation, and will act as a way to gather up the events and cares of our days in prayer.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Psalm 74:15-16

LEADER Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

Silence

*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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER Blessed are you, O Lord, Redeemer God. You destroyed the bonds of death and from the darkness of the tomb drew forth the light of the world. You led us through the waters of death, and made us children of light singing alleluias and dancing to the music of new life. Pour out your Spirit upon us that dreams and visions

"As a Deer in Want of Water" LUYH 616:refrain, vs.5,6, refrain

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

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

The First Lesson

I Kings 19

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

*Song of Response

"Be Still and Know"

LUYH 907

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER God of all mercies,

PEOPLE **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.**

Collect

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who

The Psalms

Psalm 42, 43

Song

“As a Deer in Want of Water”

LUYH 616:1

- 1 As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
- 2 **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?**
- 3 My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”
- 4 These things I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I used to go to the house of God
under the protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.

“As a Deer in Want of Water”

LUYH 616:refrain

- 6 My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep
in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.
- 8 **By day the Lord directs his love,
at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.**
- 9 I say to God my Rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?”
- 10 My bones suffer mortal agony
as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

bring us ever closer to the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
our risen Savior.

Through him and in the Holy Spirit
all glory be to you, almighty God,
this night and forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Song

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LUYH 575:1,2,4

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.**

Song

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

LUYH 655

The Assurance

Ephesians 2:8

- LEADER By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.
- LEADER O God, make speed to save us.
PEOPLE **O Lord, make haste to help us.**
- LEADER Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
- PEOPLE **As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be. Alleluia. Amen.**