

*Song of Response

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

LUYH 426

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 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

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LUYH 328

*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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Ephesians 3:18-19

LEADER O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness.

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.**

*Song

"My God, How Wonderful You Are"

LUYH 548:1-4,6

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,**

you drove out the nations and planted it.

9 You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

11 Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.

12 Why have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

13 Boars from the forest ravage it,
and insects from the fields feed on it.

14 **Return to us, God Almighty!**
Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine,

15 **the root your right hand has planted,**
the son you have raised up for yourself.

16 Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke your people perish.

17 Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

18 Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

19 **Restore us, Lord God Almighty;**
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:12:2

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Cloud of Witnesses

Song

"Father We Love You"

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Father, we love you, we worship and adore You,
glorify your name in all the earth,
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you...

Spirit, we love you...

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalms 80

- 1 Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth
- 2 before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.
- 3 **Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**
- 4 How long, Lord God Almighty,
will your anger smolder
against the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
- 6 You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.
- 7 **Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**
- 8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt;

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

"I Call to You, My Rock"

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The Assurance

LEADER The God who challenges us is also the God who
encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the
God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us
even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to 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.**

O Gracious Light

PEOPLE **O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father
in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times
to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**