

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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 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

Song

"Come Away from Rush and Hurry" LUYH 527

*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

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" LUYH 610

Prayer of Confession

Silence

*Song of Response

"Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven" LUYH 573

The Prayers

Prayers of the People with "Shepherd Me, O God" LUYH 456

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 the 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

"Come, All You Servants of the Lord" LUYH 924

*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.

5 Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

6 **Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.**

7 They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

8 **Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

9 They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

10 **The wicked will see and be vexed,
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

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 Epistle Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Song

"Christian Hearts in Love United"

LUYH 727:1-2

The Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1,7-14

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 2:1-13

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: The Temporary and the Glorious

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. Amen.

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.**

The Psalm

Psalm 112

1 Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.

2 **Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

4 **Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate
and righteous.**