

## 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

*"Peace Before Us"*

*LUYH 923*

## \*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.

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## October 9, 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 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.**

LEADER Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Gospel Reading

*Luke 17:11-19*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### The Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 29:1-14*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: Build and Plant

#### \*Song of Response

*"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"*

*LUYH 69:1,3,4*

### The Prayers

#### Prayers of the People

LEADER Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE **hear our prayer.**

### Song

*"Salaam/Peace"*

*LUYH 298*

### 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.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 66*

- 1 **Shout for joy to God, all the earth!**
- 2 **Sing the glory of his name;  
make his praise glorious.**
- 3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power  
that your enemies cringe before you.
- 4 **All the earth bows down to you;  
they sing praise to you,  
they sing the praises of your name."**
- 5 Come and see what God has done,  
his awesome deeds for mankind!
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the waters on foot—  
come, let us rejoice in him.
- 7 **He rules forever by his power,  
his eyes watch the nations—  
let not the rebellious rise up against him.**
- 8 Praise our God, all peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard;
- 9 **he has preserved our lives  
and kept our feet from slipping.**
- 10 For you, God, tested us;  
you refined us like silver.
- 11 You brought us into prison  
and laid burdens on our backs.
- 12 You let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water,  
**but you brought us to a place of abundance.**

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 Old Testament Reading

*II Kings 5:1-3, 7-15*

LEADER      This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE      **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Song

*"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

*LUYH 746*

## 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

*"Not What My Hands Have Done"*

*LUYH 624*

## 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.**