

## \*Parting Song

### *"The Night Song"*

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In the darkness, God will keep me.  
He will stay and never sleep.  
In the darkness, God is brighter,  
though the night is long and deep.

#### *Chorus:*

*All this day your hand has held me,  
God of Heaven, by my side.  
Thank you, Father, for Your goodness.  
You will hold me through the night.*

In the shadows, you are with me  
and you know my ev'ry fear.  
In the shadows, none can harm me  
for the mighty King is here. *(to chorus)*

So I find my rest in Jesus,  
he who came to rescue me.  
Jesus saved me from the darkness,  
I will rise to life with Him. *(to chorus)*

## \*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.

# Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

## November 6, 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

*"Be Still for the Presence"* *LUYH 532*

### \*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

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

### The Old Testament Reading *Job 19:23-27*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### The Epistle Reading *II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Reading *Luke 20:27-40*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: Resurrection Reality

### \*Song of Response

*"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"* *LUYH 193:1,4,6,7*

### The Prayers

Prayers of the People *LUYH 918*  
*Congregation reads the Lord's Prayer and leader reads bold parts.*

### 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.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 17:1-9*

- 1 Hear me, Lord, my plea is just;  
listen to my cry.  
Hear my prayer—  
it does not rise from deceitful lips.
- 2 **Let my vindication come from you;  
may your eyes see what is right.**
- 3 Though you probe my heart,  
though you examine me at night and test me,  
you will find that I have planned no evil;  
my mouth has not transgressed.

## Song

*"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"*

*LUYH 903:1*

- 4 Though people tried to bribe me,  
I have kept myself from the ways of the violent  
through what your lips have commanded.
- 5 My steps have held to your paths;  
my feet have not stumbled.
- 6 **I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.**
- 7 Show me the wonders of your great love,  
you who save by your right hand  
those who take refuge in you from their foes.

## Song

*"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"*

*LUYH 903:1*

- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings
- 9 from the wicked who are out to destroy me,  
from my mortal enemies who surround me.

## Song

*"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"*

*LUYH 903:1,2*

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

brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

## \*Song

*"Come, Holy Ghost"*

*LUYH 232:1,2,4*

## 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.**

## The Assurance

LEADER      In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are  
assured that there is no sin so terrible that God  
cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot  
heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.  
Receive the forgiving love of God.

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.**