

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-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 2023

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Psalm 141:2

LEADER Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Silence

Song of Light

"The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" LUYH 885

*Greeting

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

"For the Beauty of the Earth" LUYH 19:1,2,5

Prayer of Confession

Silence

LEADER Most merciful God,

PEOPLE **we confess that we have sinned against you in**

*Parting Song

"Day by Day"

LUYH 437

*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.

The Psalms

Psalms 42-43

LEADER Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
PEOPLE **as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Alleluia. Amen.**

Meditation: Honest Hope Toward Hallelujah

*Song of Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

LUYH 303:1,2,4

The Prayers

Prayers of the People: Sharing our Joys & Concerns

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

LEADER 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.**

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 for give 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

Acts 13:38, Eph. 1:7, I Cor. 4:6

LEADER Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
PEOPLE May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 Gospel Reading

Luke 22:24-32

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

The Epistle Reading

Romans 15:1-4

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