

Holy Spirit abide in you and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

PEOPLE **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Parting Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LUYH 601:1,2

Postlude

"Allegro Maestoso" from Organ Sonata No.2 F. Mendelssohn

Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.

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Vespers

A service of evening prayer at Covenant CRC



Welcome to Vespers.

The Vesper Sparrow is named after its tendency to sing most gloriously during the vesper (evening) hours after most other species have quieted for the night. As we pray and ponder and praise using liturgies from *The Book of Common Prayer*, may we join the creation in bringing glory to our Creator as we close out the day.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

Prelude

"A Kingsfold Suite" (We Sing the Mighty Power of God) D. Dahl

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Amos 5:8

LEADER Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: the Lord is his name.

Silence

Song

"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" LUYH 389:1,3

*Greeting

*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

"We Sing the Mighty Power of God" LUYH 10

The Prayers

Prayers of the People

LEADER Lord, in your mercy,

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 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.**

Song

"Shepherd Me, O God" LUYH 456 (refrain)

*Blessing

LEADER Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action. Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he has commanded us. And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death. May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life. And may the

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

**5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

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.**

Song

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LUYH 824
Soloist sings st.1-3, Congregation sings st.4-6

The Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The New Testament Reading

Acts 4:8-12

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Under Christ's Glorious Name

*Song of Response

"At the Name of Jesus" LUYH 220:1,3,4,6

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, 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

Psalm 103:11-12

LEADER For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far does God remove our sins from us.

LEADER O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

LEADER Glory 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 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

3 **he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;