

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.**

***Benediction**

Philippians 4:7

LEADER The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

***Parting Song**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.

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.

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *LUYH 521*

*Greeting

Philippians 1:2

LEADER Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

*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

"When Morning Gilds the Sky" *LUYH 372*

Prayer of Confession

Silence

LEADER Most merciful God,

The Memorial Acclamation

LEADER Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

PEOPLE **Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Dying, he destroyed our death.
Rising, he restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Prayer of Consecration

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.**

Passing the Elements

"Amazing Grace" *LUYH 691*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER Loving God, you have put gladness in our hearts;
you have satisfied our hunger with good things.
In giving all, you have not withheld from us your
own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from
you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day
with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give
ourselves completely to your service and walk with
joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

PEOPLE **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,**

**Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.**

3 If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

4 **But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

5 **I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.**

6 **I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

7 Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

8 **He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

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.**

Meditation: Deep Calls to Deep

*Song of Response

"There Is a Redeemer" LUYH 833

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Song of Thanksgiving

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LUYH 538:1

The Institution

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

"Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High" LUYH 655:1,2

The Assurance

LEADER Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all
our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen
us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Song

"Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High" LUYH 655:3

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 Old Testament Reading *Lamentations 3:22-33*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *Psalm 130*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
2 Lord, hear my voice.