

*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.

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.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Psalm 96:9

LEADER Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Silence

Song

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LUYH 763:1,3

*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 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.**

*Song

"O Worship the King" LUYH 2:1,3,4

Prayer of Confession

Silence

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.**

LEADER Lord, hear our prayer;

PEOPLE **and let our cry come to you.**

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.**

LEADER May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

*Parting Song

"God Be in My Head" LUYH 858

3 **When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,**
4 **what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?**
5 **You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.**
6 **You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:**
7 **all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,**
8 **the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.**
9 **Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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 Epistle Reading

Hebrews 2:5-12

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:1-16

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Hard Hearts and Healing Hands

*Song of Response

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LUYH 946

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 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.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Song

"Many and Great"

LUYH 27

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 8

1 **Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.**

2 **Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.**