

LEADER Grant us the vision of your kingdom, forgiveness  
and new life, and the stirring of your Spirit,  
PEOPLE **so that we may share your vision, proclaim your  
love, and change this world in the name of  
Christ. Amen.**

**\*Parting Song**

*"Nearer, Still Nearer"* LUYH 659:1,3,4

**\*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-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

## November 17, 2024

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Scripture

*Psalm 16:7-8*

LEADER I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

*Silence*

### Song

*"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"* *LUYH 357*

### \*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

*"Now Thank We All Our God"* *LUYH 543*

### The Epistle Reading

*Hebrews 10:11-25*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation: Come and Worship!

### \*Song of Response

*"All Glory Be to God on High"*

*LUYH 542*

### 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.**

“My heart rejoices in the Lord;  
in the Lord my horn is lifted high.  
My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
for I delight in your deliverance.

2 **“There is no one holy like the Lord;  
there is no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.**

3 “Do not keep talking so proudly  
or let your mouth speak such arrogance,  
for the Lord is a God who knows,  
and by him deeds are weighed.

4 **“The bows of the warriors are broken,  
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.**

5 Those who were full hire themselves out for food,  
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.  
She who was barren has borne seven children,  
but she who has had many sons pines away.

6 **“The Lord brings death and makes alive;  
he brings down to the grave and raises up.**

7 The Lord sends poverty and wealth;  
he humbles and he exalts.

8 **He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;  
he seats them with princes  
and has them inherit a throne of honor.**

“For the foundations of the earth are the Lord’s;  
on them he has set the world.

9 **He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,  
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.**

“It is not by strength that one prevails;

10 those who oppose the Lord will be broken.  
**The Most High will thunder from heaven;  
the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.**

**“He will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”**

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.**

## 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.**

## Song

*“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”*

*LUYH 627:1,3,4*

## 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.

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

*1 Samuel 1:4-20*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

## The Canticle

*1 Samuel 2:1-10*

1 Then Hannah prayed and said: