

*Song of Response

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LUYH 863:1-3,6

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.**

*Benediction

*Parting Song

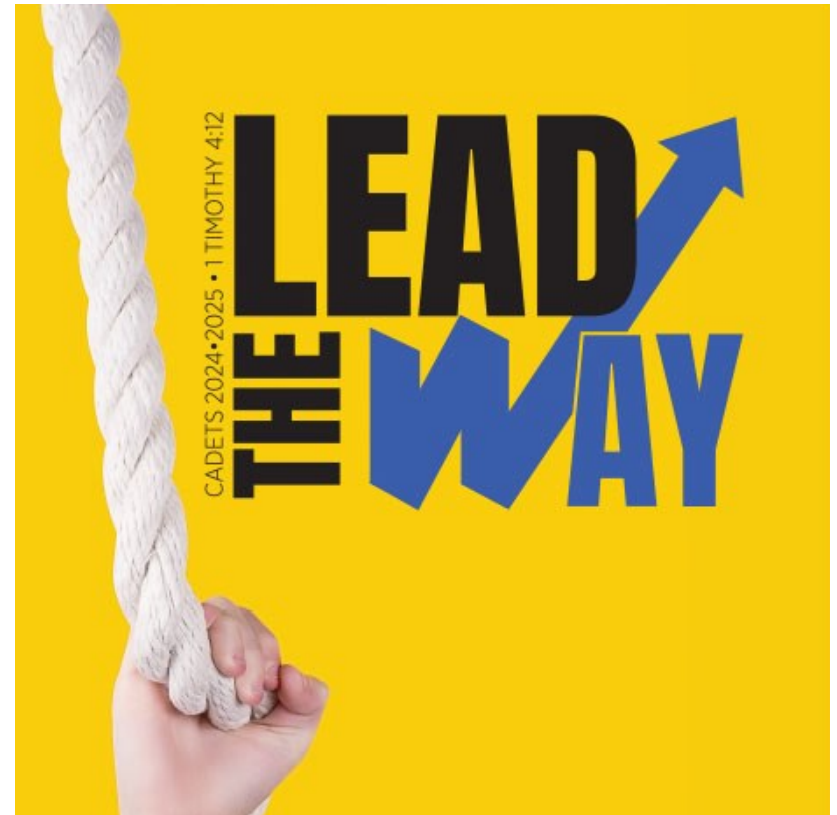
"Lead Me, Guide Me"

LUYH 329:1,3

Pass the peace to those around you as you leave.

Cadet Sunday 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.

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Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture

Isaiah 9:2

LEADER The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Silence

Collect for Epiphany

LEADER God of mystery, by the leading of a star, you revealed your only Son to the peoples of the earth, lead us, who have already come to know you by faith, all the way to the contemplation of the beauty of your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Song

"Meekness and Majesty"

LUYH 157:1,2

*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

"Here I Am to Worship"

LUYH 567

CADETS "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

PEOPLE **We will help you experience the joy of living a life of following Jesus .**

LEADER Cadets, continue to learn and grow to be more Christlike in all areas of your life.

CADETS **"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."**

PEOPLE **"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity."**

Song

"Living For Jesus"

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Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please Him in all that I do,
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free—
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Living for Jesus, who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace:
such love constrains me to answer his call,
follow His leading, and give Him my all.

Chorus:

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to you,
for you, in your atonement, did give yourself for me.
I own no other master—my heart shall be your throne:
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ for you alone.*

The Epistle Reading

I Timothy 4

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Savior-Example and Saved-Example

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Cadet Litany

- LEADER Cadets are encouraged to be an example in Christian speech.
- CADETS **“Don’t speak with twisted words.
Keep evil talk away from your lips.”**
- PEOPLE **We will encourage you to become good leaders
by your example.**
- LEADER Cadets are encouraged to be an example in their Christian conduct.
- CADETS **“So in everything, do to others what you would
have them do to you, for this sums up the Law
and the Prophets.”**
- PEOPLE **We will pray for you as you follow God’s leading
and serve in His kingdom.**
- LEADER Cadets are encouraged to be an example, displaying Christian love.
- CADETS **“And he has given us this command: Anyone who
loves God must also love their brother and
sister.”**
- PEOPLE **We will support you, enfolding you in God’s love.**
- LEADER Cadets are encouraged to show their Christian faith,
in all areas of life.
- CADETS **“For we live by faith, not by sight.”**
- PEOPLE **We will guide you as you follow God’s commands.**
- LEADER Cadets are encouraged to show purity in their lives.

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

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

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What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.