

# 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.

# Pentecost Sunday

## June 8, 2025

### 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

*"Beautiful Savior"* *LUYH 17:1,3*

### \*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 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.**

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER Blessed are you, O Lord, Redeemer God. You destroyed the bonds of death and from the darkness of the tomb drew forth the light of the world.

### Collect

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

LEADER May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Song

*"God, the Father of Your People"* *LUYH 927*

### \*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.*

LEADER O God, make speed to save us.  
 PEOPLE **O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
 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 Gospel Reading *John 14:8-17, 25-27*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.  
 PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm *Psalm 104*

LEADER Glory be to the Father, and the to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Spirit.  
 PEOPLE **As it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and ever shall be. Alleluia! Amen.**

## Meditation: Wind, Breath, and Spirit

### \*Song of Response

*"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"* *LUYH 523*

## 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 for  
 give our debtors. And lead us not into  
 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
 the kingdom and the power and glory forever.  
 Amen.**

LEADER Lord, hear our prayer;  
 PEOPLE **and let our cry come to you.**

PEOPLE **You led us through the waters of death, and  
 made us children of light singing Alleluias and  
 dancing to the music of new life.**

LEADER Pour out your Spirit upon us that dreams and  
 visions bring us ever closer to the kingdom of Jesus  
 Christ, our risen Savior.

PEOPLE **Through him and in the Holy Spirit all glory be  
 to you, almighty God, this night and forever and  
 ever.**

### \*Hymn

*"O Worship the King"* *LUYH 2:1-4*

## 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 of Dedication

*"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"* *LUYH 745*

## 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.