**the kingdom and the power and glory forever.**
**Amen.**

LEADER Lord, hear our prayer;

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

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.**

## Song

*"I Will Give You Rest"* *LUYH 666*

## *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

*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* *LUYH 933*

## *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.

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
# August 24, 2025

## Words of Welcome

## Opening Scripture *Psalm 74:15-16*

LEADER Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

*Silence*

## Song

*"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"* *LUYH 26:1,2,6*

## *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.

**PEOPLE** **You led us through the waters of death, and**



18 **Even when I am old and gray,**
**do not forsake me, my God,**
**till I declare your power to the next generation,**
**your mighty acts to all who are to come.**

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 Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 58:9-14*

LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading *Luke 13:10-17*

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: Sabbath, Sunday, and Celebration

## Song of Response

*"I Waited Patiently for God"* *LUYH 670*

## 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**

**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

*"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"* *LUYH 43*

## 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

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.

## Song

*"Not What My Hands Have Done"* *LUYH 624:1,3*



## The Psalm *Psalm 71:1-18*

1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
2 **In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;**
**turn your ear to me and save me.**
3 Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
4 **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,**
**from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.**
5 For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.
6 **From birth I have relied on you;**
**you brought me forth from my mother's womb.**
**I will ever praise you.**
7 I have become a sign to many;
you are my strong refuge.
8 **My mouth is filled with your praise,**
**declaring your splendor all day long.**
9 Do not cast me away when I am old;
do not forsake me when my strength is gone.
10 For my enemies speak against me;
those who wait to kill me conspire together.
11 They say, "God has forsaken him;
pursue him and seize him,
for no one will rescue him."
12 Do not be far from me, my God;
come quickly, God, to help me.
13 May my accusers perish in shame;
may those who want to harm me
be covered with scorn and disgrace.
14 As for me, I will always have hope;
I will praise you more and more.
15 **My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,**
**of your saving acts all day long—**
**though I know not how to relate them all.**
16 **I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;**
**I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.**
17 Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.