



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***June 28, 2020 7:00 p.m.  
Vespers Service***

## **Opening Sentences**

L: O God, come to our assistance.

**P: O Lord, hasten to help us.**

L: The Lord grant us a restful night and peace at the last.

**P: Amen.**

## **Song**

### **Prayer of Confession**

L: Almighty God, maker of all things,

**P: have mercy on us.**

L: Jesus Christ, redeemer of the world,

**P: have mercy on us.**

L: Holy Spirit, giver of life,

**P: have mercy on us.**

**All: Merciful God, 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 and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

**P: By faith I have a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**



## Scriptures:

### **Psalm 139: 1-18, 23-24**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.  
For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.  
Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

### **Matt. 11:28-30**

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## Homily

### Prayer

L: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

**P: let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

L: O God, you have designed this wonderful world, and know all things good for us. Give us such faith that, by day and by night, at all times and in all places, we may without fear entrust those who are dear to us to your never-failing love, in this life and in the life to come.

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 loves sake.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Song

#### Dismissal

**P: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep rest in his peace.**

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

**P: Amen.**

L: Bless the Lord.

**P: The Lord's name be praised. Amen.**