

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 67:1-7 (NRSV)

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us gather together to give thanks to God.

Many: For God has made us and this earth which gives us nurture.

One: Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

Many: For we are the bearers of God's blessing and love for the earth and its people.

One: Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children.

All: AMEN

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For earth we give you thanks, God. For rest we give you thanks. For blue skies we give you thanks. For meaning that is simple and sacred, for bonding of family, friendship, and church, for the possibility to hope and live into the future, we give you thanks. For the light of day and the darkness gentle in the night, for the turning seasons of the year and the celebrations by which we mark our time, we give you thanks. For the Gospel story and the promise of life eternal, we give you thanks. God of splendor and grace we gather in the name of the One, who makes love incarnate, the Christ. AMEN.