

## **Greeting**

One: Friends, come to this time and space exactly as you are. Come with your questions, come with your dreams, come with your hopes, come with your visions. Come to this time and space exactly as you are for the Spirit meets us here, for the Spirit is always moving in our midst.

One: Beloved people of God, hear and receive these words of wisdom and blessing from Psalm 67.

## **Scripture – Psalm 67 (NRSV – Edited)**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
And make their face to shine upon us.

Selah

That your way may be known upon earth,  
Your saving power among all nations.  
Let the people 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 nation upon earth

Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the 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 God.

One: May the reading and the hearing of these words touch our souls.

## **Many: Praise be to God!**

One: Beloved friends, let us join our hearts, our souls, ourselves together in the spirit of prayer...

One: We gather on this day our God has made seeking to receive afresh the wisdom, the wonder, the peace, the presence of the Spirit.

**Many: We gather on this day our God has made to be transformed by the Spirit who is always with us—the Spirit who was with us yesterday, who is with us today, who promises to be with us tomorrow and every day to come.**

One: We stand on the threshold of something new, of something wondrous, trusting that the Spirit has prepared a way, that the Spirit is always going before us to prepare a new way.

**Many: As we stand on this threshold, our backward glances reveal how God's Spirit led us with love, shaped us to serve, healed us with hope, carried us with compassion.**

One: We stand on the threshold of something beautiful, of something invigorating, trusting that the Spirit will continue to call out to us, to encourage us, to strengthen us, to guide us in the Way of Jesus.

**Many: As we stand on this threshold, we look all around and see the glory of God's creation, we look inside ourselves as we breathe in the deep peace of Jesus, we open our eyes afresh to beauty as we feel the Spirit's comforting presence leading us to take new, bold steps as the Church.**

One: We stand on the threshold of a new day, of a new way of trusting that God's Spirit will continue to heal the wounds we carry, will generously offer hope for the days to come, will shower us with love each and every moment, will cover us with the gift of grace as we seek to serve the neighbors God places in our path.

**Many: As we stand on this threshold, we gaze into what is to come, trusting God's Spirit, growing in our faith, seeking to live as Disciples of Jesus, believing that new and wondrous ways are on the horizon for our Faith Communities, for our lives, for God's people, for God's world.**

One: May it be so.

**Many: Amen.**