

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2015

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. Wood

Call to Worship

God declares, "I shall give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation shall reach to the end of the earth."

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.***

***By your loving mercy, forgive our sin,
and help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (591)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:5-9 (OT, p. 670)

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21 (NT, p. 193)

A Time with Children

Special Music "My Lord, What a Morning" arr. Althouse

Sermon Lesson: Psalm 67 (OT, p. 529)

Sermon: "Cycles of Blessing: The Heart of Global Missions" Leith Fujii

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Wood

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 733 "We All Are One in Mission"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Voluntary" Wagner

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Linda and Chris Woodley to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Leith Fujii
Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Special Music	Kathleen Shedlock
Welcomers	Alice and Dick Broxton
Ushers	Ginny O'Brien, Wayne Griffiths

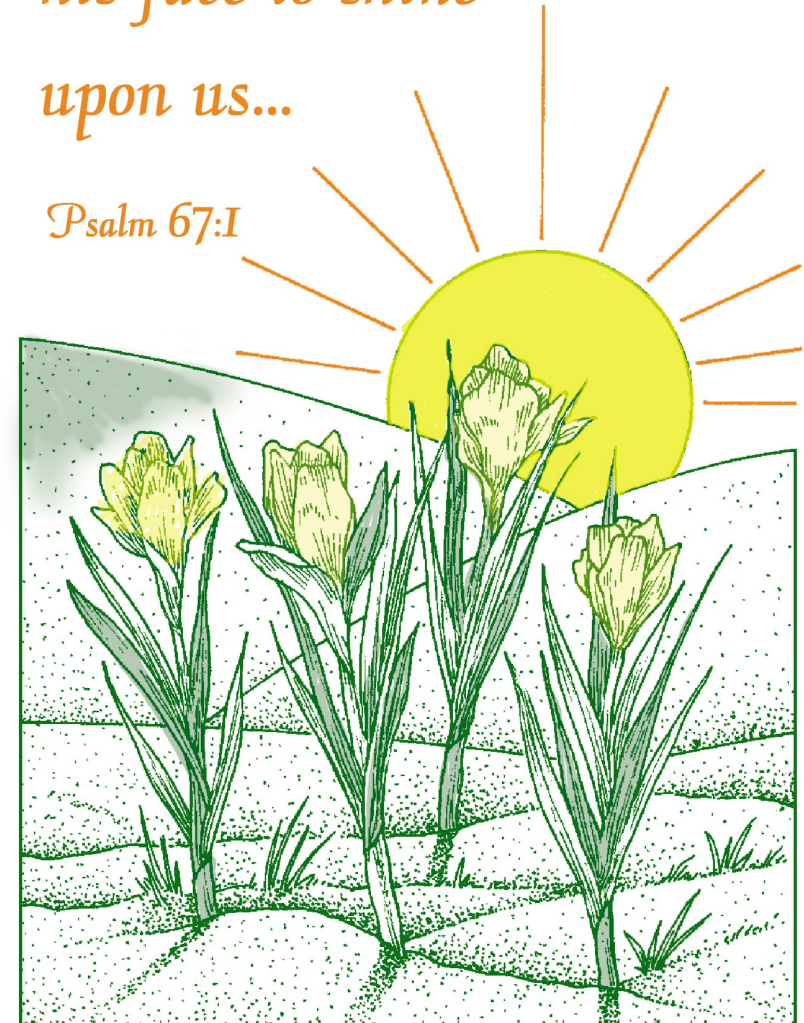


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*May God be gracious to
us and bless us and make
his face to shine
upon us...*

Psalm 67:1



Isaiah 42:5-9

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all

we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalms 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

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. Selah

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.