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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

11:00 a.m.

February 27, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN: # 79** *"When Peace Like A River"*

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (In Unison)

Almighty God, as we gather in this time of worship, let us share in the power of Your Holy Spirit. And by this power fill our faith with goodness; our goodness with knowledge; our knowledge with godliness; our godliness with kindness; and our kindness with love. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord Who taught us to pray: "Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

***GLORIA PATRI**

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MORNING MEDITATION AND PRAYER:

LEADER: No promise can be proved true except in the living. A promise binds the future, which does not yet exist, so there can be no proof of a promise.

PEOPLE: **We must make promises on faith and take promises on trust. We must have faith in ourselves to make good on our promises.**

LEADER: We must have trust in the strength of the other who makes us a promise.

PEOPLE: **We have our citizenship in heaven, which means that we must live on the promises of our faith through the unpromising times of life in this world.**

LEADER: Making and taking promises have a way of shaping the future. We help create the future through the promise we make and take. Let us pray for the courage to accept the promises of God in unpromising times. Our Heavenly Father, we pray that we might trust your promise of health in a time of serious illness.

PEOPLE: Our Heavenly Father, we pray that we might trust your promise of prosperity in a time of financial hardship.

LEADER: Gracious God, we pray that we might trust your promise of forgiveness in a time of personal guilt.

PEOPLE: Gracious God, we pray that we might trust your promise of victory in a time of crushing failure.

LEADER: Lord God, we pray that we might trust your promise of eternal life in a time of fading life.

PEOPLE: Lord God, we pray that we might trust your promise of a promised land in a time of doubt.

LEADER: Our loving Father, help us not to give up on the promises but use the trying times to build faith and trust in your word.

UNISON: We pray these in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH SOLO – April Arabian Tini

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING : Armenian: Galations 2:14-17 (p. 1811)

English: Philippians 3:7-14 (p. 1829)

SOLO - April Arabian Tini

ARMENIAN SERMON: Worthy Heirs

***HYMN: # 70** *"Anywhere With Jesus I can Safely Go "*

ENGLISH SERMON: When is The Right Time?

***HAYR MÉR - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvdz Mér"**

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*** Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers to be seated.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING our Honorary Life Deacon David Terzibashian. Our minister is in California to attend three consecutive meetings: AEUNA ministers' Retreat, AEUNA Board meeting and AMAA Board meeting. Today, he is preaching at Calvary Armenian Congregational church of San Francisco.

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL THIS MORNING our own soloist
April Arabian Tini.

A. C. C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON, will
be held on Friday, March 11, 2005, at 12:00 noon. Menu: Lentel Kufta, Salad,
Fish, and halva. Donation: \$12.00. Beautiful program and timely message.
Make arrangements to bring in friends, men and women alike, are all
welcome. Tickets are available and may be purchased from Frances
Garabedian and Alice Kakousian.

THE MARCH MEETING OF ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held
on Sunday March 13, following the Morning Worship Service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2005
at 7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Communion will be administered.

EASTER SUNDAY March 27, 2005 will begin with our annual Easter
Breakfast, sponsored by the youth of the church, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
donation \$6.00. Easter Services are at 11:00 a.m.

EASTER FLOWERS: For Easter Lilies and Tulips on the Altar.

Number of Easter Lilies you wish to purchase at \$16.00 each: _____

Number of Tulips you wish to purchase at \$13.00 each: _____

Name of Donor: _____

In Honor / Memory of: (please circle one) --Please print clearly:

Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, March 20, 2005. Please, hand the
information with your names to our Treasurers **Alice Kakousian and
Frances Garabedian.**