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11:00 A.M.

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We welcome all who are worshiping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMNS – # 3 “O Worship The King” (vs. 1-3)
85 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (vs. 1-3)

RESPONSIVE READING - # 340 “God Is Here, Let Us Celebrate”

PASTOR: God is here-let’s celebrate!

PEOPLE: **With song and with dance,**

PASTOR: With stringed instruments and brass,

PEOPLE: **With cymbals and drums,**

PASTOR: Let us express our ecstatic joy in God’s presence.

PEOPLE: **Let us celebrate with the old songs of praise.**

PASTOR: Let us also create new songs that portray the eternal love of our God.

PEOPLE: **He did create this world. He continues to permeate it with his love. Even amongst its distortions, its frustrated and unbelieving children, he constantly carries out his purposes.**

PASTOR: His plans for his world and its inhabitants are not obliterated by the foolishness of men.

PEOPLE: **His truth is not blotted out by the lethargy or lies of his apathetic creatures.**

PASTOR: He continues to reign over us and to reveal himself to us.

PEOPLE: **And God continues to create and to renew the world about us.**

PASTOR: He does this through those who relate to him, who rely on his ever-present love.

PEOPLE: **He delivers his children from the fear of death and through them gives life to this world.**

UNISON: God’s love is sure and everlasting. The hearts that are open to his love are filled with joy. They truly find cause for celebration.

***INVOCATION**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Colossians 1:9-14 (p.1832)*

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: “*To Know God’s Will*”

*HYMNS - “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” (vv. 1,2 Insert)
“*Be Thou My Vision*” (vv. 1-4 Insert)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Hebrews 11:1-12*

SERMON IN ENGLISH: “*The Real Heroes and Heroines*”

*HAYR MER - # 133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “*Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er*”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR THANKS to Mr. Bob Kachadourian, and to our guest pianist Mrs. Norine Duck.

PRAYER TIME. Come join us today for a prayer time right here in the sanctuary following the worship service.

FREE BOOKS. The pastor has put some extra copies of books on the table in the fellowship hall entrance. Please help yourselves to however many you like.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S SEMINAR will be held on July 23, 2006 following the fellowship hour. All teachers, substitute teachers, and helpers are required to attend this seminar.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP breakfast will be held on Sunday, July 30, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. All men are invited.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY. Volunteers are still needed for *Classroom Redecorating*. Families please plan on donating a few hours of your time for this project. Call the office before dropping by.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS. Please pray for our church as we prepare for the coming year. Pray for our sister church in Diligan, Armenia.

To Know God's Will (Colossians 1:9-14)

People often use the term "the will of God" when talking about some future plans they have or in relation to things they want to do. This way of talking is commended by the Word of God. In the epistle of James we read, "Instead, you ought to say, if it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:15). But the truth is that for most of us it is a lot easier to talk about the will of God than to know it. In the above-mentioned verses, Paul prays that the Colossians will know God's will. But how can they, and we, discern God's will?

To know God's will we first need to have **spiritual insight**. Spiritual insight comes from having an experiential knowledge of God. That is to say, knowing God through the experience of having a personal relationship with Him. Second, we need to live **worthy of Him**. A worthy life is one that is characterized by obedience to God, and fruitfulness in our walk with Him. Third, we need to have **grateful hearts**. We need to be thankful because, through Jesus Christ, God has made us heirs of His kingdom.

Folks, do you want to know God's will? God's will is this: that we accept His Son Jesus as our Lord and Savior, that we live a worthy life of Him, and that we have grateful hearts.