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## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

September 17, 2006

*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. A supervised nursery is available for children age four and under.*

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN – #13 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

**\*INVOCATION and THE LORD’S PRAYER** (In unison)

God of grace and glory; we have gathered together in the awareness of your everlasting love. We thank you for the presence of your Spirit, which enables us to live with confidence and joy. As we lift up our words of prayer and our songs of praise, we give ourselves to you in a spirit of true worship. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray: “Our Father, Who art in heaven...”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**RESPONSIVE READING- #351 “God’s Love and Care”**

**LEADER:** Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**PEOPLE:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

**LEADER:** Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**PEOPLE:** Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

**LEADER:** The Lord works justice for all who are oppressed.

**PEOPLE:** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

**LEADER:** For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

**PEOPLE:** As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**LEADER:** As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him.

**PEOPLE:** For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

**UNISON:** Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** Luke 5:17-26 (pp. 1598-1599)

**ARMENIAN MESSAGE:** “Friend Your Sins Are Forgiven”

**\*HYMN - # 79 “When Peace, Like A River”**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12: 1-10 (pp. 1806-1807)

**ENGLISH MESSAGE:** “Why Do We Suffer”

**\*HAYR MER - #133**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “Park K<sup>2</sup>ez D<sup>2</sup>er, Asdvadz M<sup>2</sup>er”

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

*\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** gathering will be held on Sunday October 1, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All men are invited.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SUNDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.** We would like to remind parents to bring their children into the worship service on *every first Sunday of the month*; they will be dismissed following the children's message.

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** will be administered on Sunday October 1, 2006 during the morning worship service.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS** meeting will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2006 following the morning worship service in the Christian Education Room.

**AMAA APPEALS FOR HELP.** The AMAA is asking all the Armenian Evangelical Churches to pray and consider making financial donations to support our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. If you would like to support the AMAA efforts, please pick-up a form from the lobby.

**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY.** A children's library has been created in the Early Elementary classroom to offer a fun place for children to spend their time following the morning worship service, as well as to make excellent Christian resources available to families. Library hours are 12:10 – 1:00 p.m. every Sunday. Please speak to Jennifer Darawi if you are interested in volunteering as a librarian.

**ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE COMMEMORATION “My Sardarabed”** a performance of music and dance in Sardarabad, Armenia, will be aired on PBS, Channel 56, this afternoon, Sunday September 17, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. Presented by: Robert Kachadourian.

### **CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.**

- Please continue to pray for the Koehler family, and for Moses Avakian and his family as he recovers from back surgery.
- Pray for the Evangelical Church of Armenia.
- Pray for all the people traveling to Armenia for the 160th anniversary of the Armenian Evangelical Church.