

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

August 3, 2008

*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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN – #8 *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

### \*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...”

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### \*LITANY OF THE DAY:

**LEADER:** There are two basic understandings of prayer. One approach prays to get God on our side. Implicit in this view is the idea that pleading with God will win Him to our cause.

**PEOPLE:** **The other approach prays to get ourselves on God’s side. Here prayer seeks to align us with God’s purposes.**

**LEADER:** We cannot gauge the success of our prayers by how little trouble we face in life. Rather, our prayers are answered if we are able to live with love in the middle of loneliness, with hope in the face of despair, with faith in the shadow of doubt.

**PEOPLE:** **The prayers of Jesus were always two-way streets. What He asked for Himself was always subject to what God needed from Him. Each prayer ended with His submission to the will of God.**

**LEADER:** God must appreciate our prayers of thanksgiving in times of blessing. But He also welcomes our prayer of petition in times of trouble. Like a caring father, He hears our cries of distress. Let us pray. O God, we pray for courage to go on when life has become dangerous and scary.

**PEOPLE:** **O God, we pray for patience to sit still and wait when life seems to have passed us by.**

**LEADER:** O Lord and God, we pray for understanding when we are baffled by things that have happened for no reason at all.

**PEOPLE:** **Merciful God, we pray for endurance when we are stretched beyond the limits of our physical or spiritual strength.**

**LEADER:** Our Heavenly Father, we pray for forgiveness when the people we trust have turned their back on us.

**PEOPLE:** **Dear Lord, we pray for persistence when every effort we make seems doomed to failure.**

**LEADER:** O Lord, life would be dark if we could not pray to You in hard times. We feel the strength of Your love even when our problems are not solved or our burdens are not erased.

**PEOPLE:** give us the faith to continue to call and wait on You in prayer.

**UNISON:** **We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

#### OFFERING

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *Luke 5:17-26 (Pp.1598-99)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** **“Friend, Your Sins Are Forgiven”**

\*HYMN – #60 *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Daniel 9:17-23 (p.1388)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** **“The Power of Prayer”**

\*HAYR MER – #133

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *“Park K’ez D’oer, Asdvadz M’oer”*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME** To our pulpit this morning Mr. David Terzibashian.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL.** This year we will be offering a Sunday School class geared towards children ages 2-9 each Sunday between June 22 and Sept. 7. Older students will take turns helping with the class and attending the worship services. So plan on being with us whenever you are in town this summer.

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for safe travel to all our church members who are traveling.