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Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.
2010

July 18,

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.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMNS & SONGS** – #51 “All Hail The Power of Jesus Name” (vv. 1,3,4)
#26 “To God Be The Glory” (vv. 1,2,3)
#93 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er The Sun” (vv. 1,2,3)

UNISON READING –Psalm 19:1- 6

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

PRAYER

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Matthew 17: 24-27 (p. 1526)*

“The Temple Tax”

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Acts 22:30, 23:11 (p. 1734)*

“To Testify In Jerusalem and In Rome”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park Kłez Dłer, Asdvadz Młer”*

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE OF ACC EMAIL ADDRESS. We have changed the church email address; the new email address is accgd@comcast.net

NO DEACONS MEETING on Sunday July 25th. Next meeting will be held either on Sunday, August 1st or Sunday, August 8th. Please notify the church office if you have a preference.

NEW CDs and DVDs by Tamar Albarian for children now available at the church office. To purchase a copy or a set, see Pastor Mak.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

- **Pray** for Ray Jernukian and Herb Rickert, friend of Sue and Haig Arabian. Also, please pray for Evan Darawi, regarding his upcoming surgery on July 30.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In this passage, the Roman commander wants to get to the bottom of the issue, and as it was of a religious nature, he orders the Sanhedrin to look into the matter. Paul’s statement was simply that he “had fulfilled his duty to God in all good conscience.” What he meant is that he lived a blameless and an exemplary life. Obviously, the high priest didn’t agree and orders that Paul be struck on the mouth. Paul responds by calling the high priest a hypocrite for this injustice. Paul’s next statement points to the heart of the Christian gospel, the hope in the resurrection of the dead because of Jesus, but it also creates division between his opponents. As Paul was going through all of this, he receives a personal visit from the Lord. Jesus praises Paul for being a faithful witness and encourages him to persevere for his work is not over yet. As he had been faithful in Jerusalem, so he would also bear witness for Christ in Rome.

Friends, sometimes God has to step in and correct our direction. Paul had always dreamed of visiting the church in Rome but for different reasons it did not happen. He also believed that because of his background, he could be a powerful witness in Jerusalem and insisted on going there despite all the warnings that his life would be in danger. After visiting Jerusalem, things did not go as he had hoped and Jesus appeared to him and told him he would go to Rome under different circumstances. To have dreams and ambitions is not wrong, but we should always pray and seek God’s direction. God’s plan may be different than we expect.