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Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.
2010

September 19,

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

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMNS & SONGS** - #3 "O Worship The King" (vv. 1,2,3)
- #4 "Here I Am To Worship" (songbook)

READING IN UNISON – *Isaiah 53:1-6*

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we were healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

PRAYER

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Matthew 19:1-15 (p. 1528)*

"Marriage and Divorce"

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
OFFERING - OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Ruth 2:1-23 (pp. 413-14)*

"Kindness and Generosity"

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "*Park Khez Døer, Asdvadz Møer*"

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**
***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Bob and Gayaneh Kachadourian in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

COMMUNITY GROUPS. We want to see you grow deeper in your love for God, develop authentic friendships with other church members and give you a place to invite your friends and loved ones to introduce them to Jesus. That's why we've created Community Groups. Groups will meet at the Kachadourian, Darawi and Arslanian homes, starting on Wednesday, **September 22 at 7:30 pm.** We will be studying Philippians.

ARMENIAN HERITAGE MONTH. The ACC will be hosting Mr. Tom Mooradian, author of "The Repatriate" on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 pm.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS SEPTEMBER MEETING will be held next Sunday, September 26th following the fellowship hour.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY. We invite all men and women to join us on Wednesday, **September 29, at 7:00 p.m.** as we continue to study God's Word together. This year we are studying the book of Hebrews. Why not join us for the first time?

YOUTH MINISTRY SLEEPOVER. The Armenian Congregational Youth Fellowship sleepover will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010. Youth ages 13-17 are invited to sleepover at the church. AEYF Eastern Region Youth Pastor Ara Jizmejian will be speaking and leading the weekend. The newly redecorated youth room will be initiated. For more details see Michael Banerian. Teens come and bring your friends!

HARVEST PARTY. The ACC Sunday School is organizing a special evening of delicious food, fun and games for the whole family on Friday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

In Christian Sympathy. Mrs. Armina Boujoulian passed away on Friday morning, September 17, 2010. May the peace, grace and comfort of our Lord be with the Boujoulian and Krikorian families, their relatives and friends.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In scene two of this story we are introduced to a relative of Naomi's husband, a man by the name of Boaz. It is interesting to notice that right from the beginning we are told what kind of a man he is, "a man of standing," or better translated as "a man of strength of character." Famine has given way for harvest in Israel and the law of Moses had instructed that harvesters were to leave the edges of the fields so that the disadvantaged people of their day (the poor, widows, foreigners, and fatherless) could gather food for themselves (Leviticus 19:9). So Ruth also decides to go out to the fields to gather grain to provide food for Naomi and herself. God providentially directs her to Boaz's field. When Boaz arrived from Bethlehem, he asks about the identity of this young woman. Learning that she is Naomi's daughter-in-law, he invited her to continue gleaning in his fields and when thirsty to drink from the worker's water. He shows great compassion and generosity towards her and acknowledges that he has heard of her selfless act towards her mother-in-law. At the end of the day Ruth had gathered a generous amount of barley. When she returned home and told Naomi all that had happened that day, the wise old woman knew that God was working His plan. Naomi tells Ruth to go back the next day and glean only in Boaz's field.

In Ruth we see a loyal, selfless, initiative taking and a caring person. In Boaz we see a man of great wealth, compassionate, gracious, generous and kind. But what we are not to miss in this very human story is the hand of God working in their lives. Do you see God's hand at work in your life?