



ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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11:00 A.M.

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SUNDAY SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you on this Sunday where we can come and worship from wherever we may be now, you hear us all and welcome us into your presence. You remind us in your Word that unless we become like little children, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, we humble ourselves before you and confess our sins to you. Teach us to always stay humble toward you and one another. For you say in your Word, you oppose the proud but give grace to the humble. We need your grace this morning to help us remain faithful to you during all that is happening in the world. We commit our life into your hands. We give you all the honor and praise, who taught us to pray, “Our Father...”

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – *“You are My All in all”*

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:21-23 | Matthew 18:1-5

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SERMON: *Doing the Will of God from the Heart | Entering the Kingdom of God Like a Child*

BENEDICTION

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

In Matthew 18, Jesus taught his disciples that unless we humble ourselves and become like little children, we can never enter the kingdom of God. Heaven has no place for the proud. We are reminded in God’s Word that He opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Our heart has to change and be transformed like a child’s heart, innocent and humble, with no status of pride. Here are three focal points Jesus makes about entering the kingdom of God:

1. Jesus poses the question: Who is the greatest in the kingdom of God? He answered the question himself by calling a little child to him and demonstrated that unless we change and become like little children, we can never enter the kingdom of God. No room for pride.

2. Children Do Not Seek Status: Children have no agenda. They depend on their parents and do not seek any high status. They are humble. In the same way, we need to fully depend on God’s grace and seek no attention. John the Baptist said of Jesus, He must increase, I must decrease.

3. The Kingdom of God open for all who serve humbly: Jesus said if anyone welcomes a child in my name, welcomes me. When we serve one another out of humility, we are literally doing it to and for Christ. It is a lifestyle, not just dos and