***Pastor Hagop Haroutunian~ Senior Pastor***

***The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian~ Minister Emeritus***

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**Telephone: (248) 352-0680**

**11:00 A.M. October 3, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: # 394 “The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1-2)*

 *In Armenian (vs. 4)* **\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Lord God, we come to you on this day to worship you and glorify your name. We join millions of people as they celebrate World Communion this day in remembrance of your sacrifice for us and for bringing us, your children, in unity together. We will always remember your unconditional love for us. We want to give back to you our love because you alone deserve all the praise and honor. We pray that your church around the globe will be united in love and spirit. May your love spread throughout the world so that everyone will know how great your love is for all those you created. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray, “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**- *#79* *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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**\*RESPONSIVE READING: *World Communion Sunday***

**PASTOR:** Almighty God, we thank you that you have made of one blood all humankind, and have created all human beings in your image.

**PEOPLE:** **We thank you that you are our Father in heaven, and all of your other children are our brothers and sisters.**

**PASTOR:** We thank you that you so loved the world that you gave your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**PEOPLE: We thank you that “Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed” that we might have abundant life.**

**PASTOR:** Grant, O Father, that as you and your Son are one, so we, your people, may be bound together in you.

**PEOPLE: Grant that, on this World Communion Sunday, by partaking of the bread and wine of the Sacrament of Communion, we unite ourselves to those who share in this Eucharistic celebration throughout the world.**

**PASTOR:** We pray that when we partake of the elements of the Lord’s Supper, we may identify ourselves with our fellow-Christians worldwide, and that we may share with them in their times of joy and be concerned about them in their times of need.

**PEOPLE: We pray that when we partake of communion we will have the courage to be the Body of Christ in our sinful world, and be the living witnesses, of the Risen Lord.**

**PASTOR:** We pray that this Communion service be a bridge that carries us into the world to bear life-giving food and drink to those who hunger and thirst for God.

**UNISON: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE**

*Hasmik Arslanian, Jacob Arslanian, Natalie Arslanian, Nora Baylerian, Catherine Brito, Pam Czartoryski, Tony Janigian, Church Sarkissian*

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNION HYMN:**

*#317“Break Now the Bread of Life” (vs. 1-2 English; vs. 3 Armenian)*

1. Giving of the Bread
2. Giving of the Cup

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#7 “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Acts 6:1-15 (pp. 1700-1701)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Stephen, the Man of God**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Acts 7:54-60 (p. 1704)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Heart of Stephen**

**\*HAYR MER:** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US,** especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Nancy Berschbach, Jan Janigian, Lee Savalle (Dan and Sandra Haroutunian’s sister), Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, our government and the pandemic.

**APPLE PICKING AND FUNLAND FESTIVAL** please join uson Saturday, October 9th at 12noon. If you need carpooling, please see Pastor Hagop. Location: Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill, 17985 Armada Center Rd., Armada, 48005.

**MICHAEL AND SUSAN MOUSIGIAN** are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Rosemarie to Robert Pollum.  The wedding was held on August 6th at Grace Bible Church in Ann Arbor.  Rosemarie is the granddaughter of the late Anahid and Harry Haroutunian and Clara and the late Mike Mousigian.

**PASTOR HAGOP AND NUNE** will be out of town on Sunday, October 17th, our own Minister Emeritus Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian will be conducting the Morning Worship Service.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR GRADUATION** approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church Family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at Office@accdetroit.org.

**CHURCH SCHEDULE:**

* **Monday Prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
* **Wednesday Bible Study** is being held every Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Stephen was truly a man of courage, strength, wisdom, and full of love. The scripture tells us his spirit shone like that of an angel. What a character!

Stephen’s character was evident based on the following:

1. Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit. Stephen’s boldness to witness in such a way came from his devotion to the Lord which filled his life with the presence and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

2. Stephen was full of love and forgiveness. He had so much love for his people that even while they were stoning him; he prayed that the Lord will not hold their sin against them.

3. Stephen gave his life for the Gospel. He was willing to die for Jesus even though he was innocent. The scripture tells us Jesus stood up in heaven from his throne when they were stoning him. The honor of Jesus standing up from his throne shows the respect and love Jesus had to receive his faithful servant after his unconditional love for his people and his Savior.