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**11:00 A.M. October 24, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #23 “When Morning Gilds The Skies”*

 *vs. 1-2 English, vs. 4 Armenian*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Dear Lord, we thank you for creating us, calling us your children, and giving us everlasting promises of being with us and helping us throughout our lives. We pray that you continue to use us for your glory to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We pray that you help us live such lives that reflect the love of Jesus to all those we encounter. We pray that you continue to fill us with your wisdom so we know how to speak through your wisdom, and share your love by serving one another. 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: *Psalm 141***

**PASTOR:** O Lord, I call to you; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to you.

**PEOPLE: May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.**

**PASTOR:** Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.

**PEOPLE: Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers; let me not eat of their delicacies.**

**PASTOR:** Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness; let him rebuke me—it is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it. Yet my prayer is ever against the deeds of evildoers; their rulers will be thrown down from the cliffs, and the wicked will learn that my words were well spoken.

**PEOPLE: They will say, “As one plows and breaks up the earth, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the grave,”**

**PASTOR:** But my eyes are fixed on you, O Sovereign Lord; in you I take refuge—do not give me over to death.

**PEOPLE:** **Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, from the traps set by evildoers.**

**UNISON: Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by in safety.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#11 “Shout to The Lord”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *James 3:1-12 (p. 1883)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Taming the Tongue**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *James 3:13-17 (p. 1883)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The True Wisdom from Above**

**\*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.

**THE COFFEE HOUR AND THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jano and Lena Bouladian, in honor of Lena, and Mrs. Rosette Tootikian’s birthday.

**A.C.C. MISSIONS COMMITTEE PROJECT:** With the cold weather approaching, the Grace Centers of Hope are in need of warm winter clothing of all types, sizes and colors for men, women and children of all ages, including new and used coats, jackets, sweaters, pants, long-sleeve shirts, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, shoes, boots, purses and belts. Please be sure used items are clean and in good condition. They are also in need of toiletries, especially razors. We will be collecting these items for the rest of the month. Monetary donations are also welcome; checks payable to “Grace Centers of Hope.” Please contact Carole Basmadjian, Member of the Missions Committee, if you have any questions.

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

**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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

After having a lengthy discussion on the tongue, James moves to talk about the wisdom from above, which involves the tongue but moreover, it involves the whole Christian conduct.

Here are three points that we can draw from what James is relaying in his message about the true nature of the wisdom that comes from above:

**The Seven Do’s of Wisdom:**

1. **The wisdom from above is “Pure.”** When we utter and conduct ourselves in pure manner, people will certainly notice it and are drawn to it.
2. **The Wisdom from above is “peace-loving.”** Which means to incline to avoid conflict or aggression. Another words, you strive to keep the peace, by all means possible.
3. **The Wisdom from above is “considerate.”** A gentle heart is considerate and forgiving. A considerate person puts himself/herself in the shoes of the other because he/she cares deeply and empathetic.
4. **The wisdom from above is “submissive.”** One who is submissive means he/she is willing to yield. It means being a reasonable person; one who is open-minded.
5. **The wisdom from above is “full of mercy.”** As God is merciful, so must we be merciful and very generous to forgive those who wrong us.
6. **The wisdom from above is of “good fruit.”** Living a life that is fruitful will be evident to all the kind of character we possess.
7. **The Wisdom from above is “impartial and sincere.”** When we treat everyone equally and show a sincerity of heart, Christ will be honored through our lives and the lives of others