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**11:00 a.m. February 12, 2023**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#*223 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

 *(vs. 1-2 English, vs. 3 Armenian)*

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

Dear Lord, we come to worship you this morning because you are a God of love. We know that you love us with an everlasting love. We thank you that we can rely on your love to protect us and bless each and every day. Teach us to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us forgive one another and honor one another above ourselves as your word commands us to do. Help us share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others by showing them your love for them. 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.*

**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalm 103:1-13*

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**PEOPLE:** **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

**PEOPLE: He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:**

**PASTOR:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**PEOPLE: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**PASTOR:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**UNISON:** **As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#37 “Everlasting God”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Colossians 3:12-14 (pp. 1834-1835)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Virtues of Love**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Romans 12:9-13 (p. 1764)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Genuine and Sincere Love**

**\*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 Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, Ukraine, and victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, February 19, immediately following the Morning Worship Service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

**VARTANANK** The four Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit, along with Knights and Daughters of Vartan, invite you to the Celebration and Commemoration of the Feast of Sts. Vartanank, this Thursday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. The host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. 4875 W. Maple Road, Bloomfield Twp. (Inkster & Maple Roads)

**WOMEN'S BI-WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY** will be held Saturday, February 18th at 10:00 a.m. in person and online via Zoom app.

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
2. **Wednesday Bi-Weekly Bible Study** 6:30 p.m. Next study will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd, in person and online via Zoom app.

**A.M.A.A.** is asking for your support with a solar project to help with power outages that have been on-going in Lebanon. Your gift will help complete the installation of innovative ways of overcoming major quality of life challenges. To make a donation, visit amaa.org or mail your checks to: A.M.A.A, 31 West Century Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652.

**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**

“Love must be sincere”, this is how Paul starts this paragraph about the virtue of love. If we were to measure and weigh genuine and sincere love, how would we do it? What would be the basis? I think all of us would agree and probably say that words of love must be accompanied by action. The only way love is proven genuine and sincere is if it is tested by its works.

**Here are two points about true and sincere love:**

1. **“Be devoted to one another in love.”** Easier said than done. To be committed and devoted to someone takes hard work. To give ourselves to someone else by loving them requires patience, listening skills, caring, a forgiving spirit, etc. What we reap by sowing and investing into someone’s life is very rewarding and everyone benefits from it. God ultimately is pleased and honored by such a lifestyle.

2. **“Honor one another above yourselves.”** This is a tough one. It’s one thing to honor and respect others, but to honor them above ourselves is another level of humility and love. This kind of depth of love can only come into reality if we are close in our walk with the Lord. He is able to fill us with His love so that in turn we can pour that love on others. It takes spending time with God in His Word and prayer to help reach such a standard of extraordinary love.

**INFORMATION**

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 I have recently moved into this area I have moved, new address

 I am interested in membership I wish to be on the mailing list

 I would appreciate a visit from the minister This person is sick

 Requesting prayer for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Need Counseling