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**11:00 a.m. February 19, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#176 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence in worship and adoration. We pray that you have mercy on us all and forgive us our sins. We pray that as we start the season of Lent, we would draw near to you as we reflect on the life of Jesus. We pray that you help us grow deeper in our relationship with you. Help us hear your voice and deepen our knowledge of your Word. We pray that you have mercy on the victims of the earthquake and the MSU tragedy. That they would turn to you for healing and restoration. 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 6:1-9*

**PASTOR:** O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

**PEOPLE:** **Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.**

**PASTOR:** My soul is in anguish. How long, O Lord, how long?

**PEOPLE: Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.**

**PASTOR:** No one remembers you when he is dead. Who praises you from the grave?

**PEOPLE: I am worn out from groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears.**

**PASTOR:** My eyes grow weak with sorrow; they fail because of all my foes.

**PEOPLE:** **Away from me, all you who do evil, for the Lord has heard my weeping.**

**UNISON: The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#4 “Here I Am To Worship”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Isaiah 58:1-9 (pp. 1152-1153)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Preparation and Reflection for Lent**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Joel 2:12-14 (p. 1414)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Genuine and True Repentance**

**\*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, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and of the MSU tragedy.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is being held today immediately following the Morning Worship Service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

**WOMEN'S BI-WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY** will be held Saturday, March 4th 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.

**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](mailto:Office@accdetroit.org).

**ARMENIAN AND ENGLISH LIVE RADIO PROGRAM** this evening at 6:00-7:00p.m. with Pastor Hagop, hosted by Vaughn Masropian. Be part of the show by calling at 248-557-3300 for Armenian and English prayer requests, also Bible discussions and related topics are welcomed. The Theme this Sunday is **“Devoting Our Lives To God”** on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/ArmenianCongregationalChurch> and at WNZK 690AM, or go to Armeniaradioprogram.com, scroll down to the bottom and click on “Listen Live Now.” A new page will open, click on “WNZK 690AM.” For more information or questions you can contact Pastor Hagop at [pastorhagop@accdetroit.org](mailto:pastorhagop@accdetroit.org)

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The God of all grace and mercy calls on all those who live on the face of the earth to turn to Him. God is always calling everyone to turn to Him to find life, and live more abundantly. He wants everyone to find a new life in Christ and be forever blessed by His abundant grace.

**Two points of true and genuine repentance:**

1. **“Render you heart and not your garment.”** While the Israelites fasted and prayed by tearing their garments as a sign of repentance, their hearts were far from the Lord. God, who knows our hearts, wants us to come with true and genuine repentance before His presence; being aware of the sins that we are struggling with.
2. **“He is gracious and compassionate**.” We must never forget that no matter how hard life may become, God, who is full of love and grace, will always be there to help us. We follow and serve a God who cares deeply about everything we do. His grace can extend as far as our needs. And so we trust in His unfailing love to empower us to conquer over every sin in our lives.

**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