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

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#181“My Faith Looks Up”*

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

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

Dear Lord, thank you for inviting us to your presence, where we find comfort, joy, peace, and your warm love. Your love is what sustains us to continue to love you more than life itself. We want you to always be our first love, as your Word reminds us that we are to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. You also commanded us to love those who do not love us. We pray that you teach us to love all people at all time, so that our testimony about Jesus remains true. 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 36:1-10*

**PASTOR:** An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes.

**PEOPLE:** **For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin.**

**PASTOR:** The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good.

**PEOPLE: Even on his bed he plots evil; he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong.**

**PASTOR:** Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

**PEOPLE: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O Lord, you preserve both man and beast.**

**PASTOR:** How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**PEOPLE:** **They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.**

**PASTOR:** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**UNISON: Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:***#35 “Mighty to Save”*

**DEVOTIONAL *by Hasmik Arslanian***

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Revelation 2:1-7 (p. 1914)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Is Jesus Still Our First Love?**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Revelation 2:8-11 (p. 1914)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Faithful to the End**

**\*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.

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP**  will be held Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 a.m. in person and online via Zoom app. After breakfast, the men and women will break into their own separate Bible Study groups.

**AMAA ARMENIA SUMMER IINTERNSHIP** for ages 18-30. Deadline to register is May 1st, 2023. For more information, please see the flyer and brochure. You can also visit AMAA.org.

**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, March 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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The Church in Smyrna (modern Turkey) was a rich city that boasted of its cultural and learning center, as it was called “Glory of Asia.” It was also a city where idolatry and the worship of the Roman Emperor was practiced. Jesus commended this church because it stood out to the test of their faith.

**Here are some points to remaining faithful under trial:**

1**. “I know your affliction and poverty.”** Jesus knew His church and deeply cared about its circumstances under the pressure it was placed due to their testimony and faith in Christ. This church was persecuted, and it is said they may have lost their jobs because of their faith and so they had become “poor.” But Jesus reminded them that they were “rich.” Rich in what, one might ask? Jesus saw something in them internally that was worth far more than silver and gold. He saw how rich they were spiritually and that to Him was far richer than wealth.

2**. “Be faithful even to the point of death**.” Jesus knew that in the midst of all the hardship the church was undergoing, they might grow weary and give up; and so He encourages them to keep going and fight the good fight of faith. The reward was to follow, “I will give you life as your victor’s crown.” This promise must have had encouraged them not to disown their Lord. The same is for us, no matter how hard it gets, Jesus is worth it all.

**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