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**11:00 a.m. June 11, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#256 “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”*

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

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

Lord of heaven and earth, we come this morning to worship you for who you are. You are the God of love, peace, joy, and justice. There is none like you. You deserve all of our praise, because you are always faithful, in all that you do. We pray that you help us remain faithful to you in the midst of our trials. We want to share your love with all people fearlessly and with courage. We want to be the light and the salt of the earth to those who do not know you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we can be effective witnesses for your kingdom. 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 86:1-13*

**PASTOR:** Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**PEOPLE:** **Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.**

**PASTOR:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.

**PEOPLE: Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**PASTOR:** You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

**PEOPLE:** **Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.**

**PASTOR:** Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord. No deeds can compare with yours.

**PEOPLE:** **All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord. They will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds. You alone are God.**

**PASTOR:** Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

**PEOPLE:** **I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart. I will glorify your name forever.**

**UNISON:** **For great is your love toward me. You have**  **delivered me from the depths of the grace.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#36 “How Great Is Our God”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Acts 5:12-40 (pp. 1698-1700)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: When Persecution Persists, God Does the Unimaginable**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Acts 5:41-42 (p.1700)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Joy in the Midst of Suffering**

**\*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**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, and Glenn Harrison.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO** Bob Jacobs and Bill Terian for repairing the steps going into the Church Office. We are very grateful.

**MONDAY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP** is held every Monday via zoom at 6:30p.m.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for a special Father's Day Service next Sunday. A special gift will be given to all the men of our church.

**FATHER’S DAY POTLUCK** will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at 2:30p.m. We thank Mr. Tony Janigian for opening his home to us. Please sign up after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall with Sheryl Marburger.

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP**  will be held Saturday, June 24th 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 at around 10:45 a.m.

**ARMENIAN RENAISSANCE ASSOCIATION 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** for full-time undergraduate, full-time graduate, in associate, trade and certificate programs. High school graduating seniors are not eligible. For more eligibility criteria and application, email [scholarship.ara@gmail.com](mailto:scholarship.ara@gmail.com). Applications accepted through July 10, 2023.

**THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF TORONTO** is inviting all AEUNA Midwest Churches to their Annual Church Family Retreat Friday-Sunday, July 7-9.  Guest Speaker is Rev. Joseph Garabedian, Pastor of Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, New Jersey. The cost for the Retreat is $75.00 per person. It includes 4 sessions, reception Friday night, lunch on Saturday & Sunday.  Hotel and fees: Monte Carlo, $124 a night.  For questions or to register, please contact Ruth Demirdjian-Duench at 647-282-4386, or email: [ruth@ruthdd.ca](mailto:ruth@ruthdd.ca)

**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).

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

After being flogged for their courageous and bold stand for Jesus, the Apostles were filled with joy for being worthy to suffer on account of their Lord and Savior. One can only understand this, if you love someone unconditionally. Nothing hindered the disciples from their mission for Christ.

**Here are some points about finding courage in suffering:**

1. **“The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.”** It all becomes worth living for someone, when that someone means to you more than anyone or anything else in life. The disciples had seen and tasted enough of the goodness and love of Jesus, for over three years, to convince them to do anything and everything to live for Him; even if it means to suffer for His name.

2. **“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.”** The more opposition and threats, the bolder they became. Fear and suffering were not an obstacle for the disciples to continue the mission that Jesus gave them; which is to preach the good news of salvation. Whatever it is you are facing today, giant as it may seem, Jesus can help you conquer it because He conquered sin, death, and Satan on the cross.

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**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