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**11:00 a.m. September 10, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#411 “To God Be the Glory”*

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

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

Lord of heaven and earth, how great is your glory, and how great is your name. We bow down before your presence and worship you. You alone deserve our praise. Your glory extends beyond all heavens. We pray that you fill us with your glorious presence and mighty Spirit. Open our spiritual eyes to see more of your beauty and majesty in our lives. May your glory fill all the earth. May people see how majestic you are. All your deeds are done with love and you are above all things. 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 96***

**PASTOR:** Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**PEOPLE:** **Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.**

**PASTOR:** Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**PEOPLE: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.**

**PASTOR:** For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**PEOPLE:** **Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and glory are in His sanctuary.**

**PASTOR:** Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**PEOPLE: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.**

**PASTOR:** Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth.

**PEOPLE:** **Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.**

**PASTOR:** Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

**PEOPLE:** **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.**

**UNISON: They will sing before the Lord, for He comes, He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His truth.**

**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**: *2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (p.1797)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Ever-Increasing Glory of God**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Ephesians 1:15-19 (p. 1818)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Riches of Christ’s Glory**

**\*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 Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, and Dr. Richard Marburger.

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** will be held in the Christian Education Room. Please do not use the Social Hall due to preparations for the Women's Conference on September 15-17.

**ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP** Eastern Region Fall Conference, September 15-17. With guest speaker, Laura Cholakian Khoury. All of the sessions on Friday evening and Saturday, including the lunch and dinner on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast will be held at the ACC Social Hall. Registration is no longer accepted as of September 8th.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY** 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**

The Apostle Paul was happy to hear about the healthy growth the church of Ephesus had and he continued to pray for them to see more and more the glorious life they had inherited in Christ. The same is true for us. Our zeal, everyday, should be to see more of God’s glory in our lives.

**Here are a few points about God’s Glory:**

1. **“I give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him**

**better.”** God wants to give us more of His Spirit to fill our hearts with love and our minds with His wisdom so we can continuously grow in the revelation of His greatness in our everyday lives. And to share that glory with those who lack it.

2. **“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope, to which He has called you.”** Our everyday ordinary lives might blind our minds and hearts to forget the glorious hope that awaits us, in eternity. We sometimes are caught up with the things of the world to the point of forgetting what is to come. God is grinding and refining our mind and heart to be like Christ so that when we depart this world, we are ready to enter into eternity with Him.

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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