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**11:00 a.m. September 17, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#23“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence with thanksgiving and joy. We are forever grateful to have a God like you, who loves us unconditionally. We pray that you will continue to put in us the passion and zeal to continually serve you and your people with joy and love, and with a fervent spirit. Help us be fully clothed with humility to serve one another with full devotion and care. May our service to you be acceptable and bring glory and honor to your holy name.  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 112*

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

**PEOPLE:** **His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**PASTOR:** Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

**PEOPLE: Even in the darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.**

**PASTOR:** Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

**PEOPLE:** **Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.**

**PASTOR:** He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**PEOPLE: His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look, in triumph, on his foes.**

**PASTOR:** He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

**UNISON: The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM – *April Tini, soloist***

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#6 “In Christ Alone”*

**TESTIMONY: *Mrs. Margo Melkonian***

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Romans 12:11 (p. 1764)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Being Passionate in Serving the Lord**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Song #11”My Jesus, My Savior”* ***Pastor Hagop and Nune***

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *1 Corinthians 15:58 (p. 1792)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Being Fully Devoted to the Lord**

**\*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 ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING ARE SPONSORED** by the ACC Women’s Christian Fellowship to welcome everyone to the AEWF-Eastern Region Conference.

**THANK YOU** to the Armenian Evangelical Women's Fellowship (AEWF) Executive Committee, and the Armenian Congregational Church Local Committee (Hasmik Arslanian, Nune Haroutunian, Sheryl Marburger, Nora Baylerian, Ann Bayleran) and all the helpers, April Tini, Chuck Sarkissian, Tony Janigian, and Ann Zartarian, for their commitment, dedication, and hard work for making the women's conference possible.

**PASTOR HAGOP HAROUTUNIAN’S ORDINATION** will be held on Sunday, October 15, at 6pm in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Social Hall. You are all welcome. You will receive an invitation in the mail. Please save the date and hope to see you all there.

**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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

 Paul wrote to the church of Corinth who were living among many pagan idols, encouraging them to stand firm and continue to do the work of the Lord, in the midst of the corrupt environment they were living in. The same is true for us today; we also are called to remain steadfast in the Lord.

**Here are some points about being fully devoted for the work of the Lord:**

1. **“Let nothing move you.”** There are many things in life that can shake us from our stance in life; illness, death of a loved one, loss of a job, etc. We don’t know what we will face next, but as Christians, we are called to live without fear, having full trust in the Lord. And while things may not go right, we are not to be swayed away from continuing to serve the Lord fully and be devoted and submissive under His will in our lives.
2. **“You know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”** The God we serve is a faithful God and He promises to bless and reward those who serve Him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Although the reward should not be the motivating factor in serving the Lord, the promise remains true that God blesses all those who serve in love and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, because they care deeply about the souls of those who do not know Christ.

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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