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**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#357 “Now Thank We All Our God” (vss. 1-3)*

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

Dear Lord, we give thanks to you for who you are. You are the God of love, mercy, justice, and compassion. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Your faithfulness continues from one generation to another. We praise your holy name, the only name that deserves all praise and honor. We pray that you help us to always have a heart of gratitude, even in the midst of hard times. Let our mouth always glorify your most awesome name, the name above all names. 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:** *Thanksgiving*

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord. O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits.

**PEOPLE: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**

**PASTOR:** Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

**PEOPLE: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

**PASTOR:** He made known His ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**PASTOR:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.

**PEOPLE:** **As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.**

**PASTOR:** From everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear Him, with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.**

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word.

**UNISON: Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will. Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#29 “Give Thanks” (English & Armenian)*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Jonah 2:1-10 (pp. 1437-1438)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Learning to Give Thanks in Difficult Circumstances**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Luke 17:11-19 (p. 1627)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Remembering to Always Give Thanks**

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

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** will be held in the Christian Education room. We look forward to seeing everyone who RSVP’d at the Thanksgiving Banquet this evening at 5:00 p.m.

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

**FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the Morning Worship Service, to act on the following items: 1. The proposed budget for 2024. 2. Election of members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons. All members are encouraged to stay after the Morning Worship Service to participate.

**BOOK OF LIFE: *Colton Michael*** was born Sunday, November 12, 2023 to proud parents, Brooke and Craig Stemas, grandparents, Mike & Debbie Berschbach, great-grandson of Roger & Nancy Berschbach. Colton is the 14th great-grandchild for Roger & Nancy. Congratulations to the Berschbach and Stemas family.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** **- SAMARITAN'S PURSE** The deadline for the filled boxes is today.  Please be sure to add a $10.00 donation for shipping payable to "Samaritan's Purse" with "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line.  You still have the opportunity to build a Shoebox online at [samaritanpurse.com](http://samaritanpurse.com/).

**AMAA CHRISTMAS JOY PROJECT** - The AMAA is holding a project this year to bring Christmas Joy to the Children of Armenia & Artsakh.  Please pick up a flyer in the Church Foyer to participate in this program and help spread the joy of Christmas and share God's love to the precious children in our Homeland.  You can make a donation for this project online at [www.amaa.org](http://www.amaa.org/).

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

It is in our human nature to always want to receive and receive more. While it is good to fill our lives with God-given goods, nevertheless, “It is more blessed to give than to receive”, said Jesus one of the things we give is thanks to the Lord for His endless blessings.

**Here are some points about giving Thanks to the Lord:**

1. **“Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”** This was the cry of the ten men who had leprosy, as Jesus was going to Jerusalem. Sure enough, Jesus heals them all. What happens next is what sometimes happens to us. We receive but forget to thank the Lord. We receive many things throughout the day that we sometimes attribute to our strength and hard work so we may not feel like we need to give credit to God. While it is true we contribute, we should never forget that without God’s grace and help, we cannot accomplish anything.
2. **“He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.”** Only one of the nine men who were healed returned and gave thanks to Jesus for the healing. It is interesting that all ten men cried out and asked Jesus to have pity on them, but as soon as they were healed, Jesus was out of the picture, for those nine. We cannot take for granted the many blessings we receive, throughout the day, from the Lord. We should pause for a few seconds and pray and say, thank you, Lord.