**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. March 3, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#4 “We Praise You, O God”*

 *(vs. 1-2 in English, vs. 4 in Armenian)*

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

Dear Lord, we thank you on this blessed Sunday that we have gathered to worship you together, as a church. We know that you are here with us in spirit and want to bless us. We pray that you shine your face upon us and fill us each day with your love. We thank you for being good to us and always watching over our lives. We want to know you more in depth, in this season of Lent. We want to be filled with the fruit of your Spirit, so that we can be a blessing to one another. 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 25:1-12***

**PASTOR:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**PEOPLE:** **No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame, who are treacherous without excuse.**

**PASTOR:** Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you, all day long.

**PEOPLE: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**

**PASTOR:** Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

**PEOPLE: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

**PASTOR:** He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

**PEOPLE:** **All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

**PASTOR:** For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

**UNISON: Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#4 “Here I Am To Worship”*

1. Giving of the Bread
2. Giving of the Cup

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *John 16:1-15(p.1678)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Work of the Spirit in Us**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *John 16:20-24 (p. 1679)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Joy of Knowing Jesus**

**\*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.

**BI-WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** will be held on Thursday, March 7th, at 6:30p.m. (Fellowship is from 6:15 –6:30p.m.) in person and via zoom.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 9, before retiring to bed. Remember Spring forward! Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for the weekly Monday Prayer via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

**ACC** is looking for volunteers to set up or cleanup for Coffee Hour**.** If you are interested in helping, please sign up after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall.

**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 disciples had become so accustomed to being with Jesus that it took a long conversation with them to assure them that after His departure, He would still be with them, through the Holy Spirit. They were saddened to see their Lord depart, but had hoped that He would continue to be with them, in Spirit.

**Here are some points about Jesus’ promises to us:**

1. **“You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.”** The disciples grieved for the departure of Jesus, but after the resurrection of Jesus, that joy became a reality again, when He appeared to them for forty days, to assure them that He is alive and kept His promise that He will never leave them.
2. **“A woman giving birth to a child has pain, because her time has come; but when her baby is born, she forgets the anguish, because of her joy that child is born into the world.”** As Christians, sometimes we go through trials, persecution, pain, and suffering, but Jesus assures us that all of this is temporary, because He is always there to wipe out our tears, heal us, and strengthen us, so that we can keep going until we meet Him one day, with a glorified body that will never again experiencer pain, but only joy in His presence.

**EASTER FLOWERS** forthose wishing to arrange for an Easter flower to place in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please email Souzanne at Office@accdetroit.org, or submit the form below no later than Wednesday, March 22th.

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Number of flowers you wish to purchase: $22.00 x \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_=$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_