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11:00 a.m. July 28, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION

CHOIR INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: “When Peace Like A River” #414,

vs.1-2 English; vs.4 Armenian:

Dér shood ka ayn orn yerp tzentin sev ambear

Havadken ella desootune, yerp poghe hentche

Yev ichne parats dern, ays nayev pari eh im hokvouys

Pari eh im hokvouys, pari eh, pari eh im hokvouys

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Almighty God, as we gather in this time of worship, let us share in the power of Your Holy Spirit. And by this power, fill our faith with goodness; our goodness with knowledge; our knowledge with godliness; our godliness with kindness; and our kindness with love. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,*

*as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation*

*but deliver us form evil.*

*For Thine is the kingdom and the power,*

*and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.”*

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:**

LEADER: There are two basic understandings of prayer. One approach prays to get God on our side. Implicit in this view is the idea that pleading with God will win Him to our cause.

PEOPLE: **The other approach prays to get ourselves on God’s side. Here prayer seeks to align us with God’s purposes.**

LEADER: We cannot gauge the success of our prayers by how little trouble we face in life. Rather, our prayers are answered if we are able to live with love in the middle of loneliness, with hope in the face of despair, with faith in the shadow of doubt.

PEOPLE: **The prayers of Jesus were always two-way streets. What He asked for Himself was always subject to what God needed from Him. Each prayer ended with His submission to the will of God.**

LEADER: God must appreciate our prayers of thanksgiving in times of blessing. But He also welcomes our prayer of petition in times of trouble. Like a caring father, He hears our cries of distress. Let us pray: O God, we pray for courage to go on when life has become dangerous and scary.

PEOPLE: **O God, we pray for patience to sit still and wait when life seems to have passed us by.**

LEADER: O Lord and God, we pray for understanding when we are baffled by things that have happened for no reason at all.

PEOPLE: **Merciful God, we pray for endurance when we are stretched beyond the limits of our physical or spiritual strength.**

LEADER: Our Heavenly Father, we pray for forgiveness when the people we trust have turned their back on us.

PEOPLE: **Dear Lord, we pray for persistence when every effort we make seems doomed to failure.**

LEADER: O Lord, life would be dark if we could not pray to You in hard times. We feel the strength of Your love even when our problems are not solved or our burdens are not erased.

PEOPLE: **Give us the faith to continue to call and wait on You in prayer.**

UNISON: **We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

DOXOLOGY, #1

CHOIR ANTHEM

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

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

ENGLISH SERMON: “Where Is God’s Plan Reflected In Our Sufferings?”

HAYR MER: #275

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**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 to make this your church home.

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING, LIFETIME DEACON, MR. DAVID TERZIBASHIAN:** He will be delivering the morning worship service.

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Monday, August 6th through Friday, August 10th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bring your friends. It is free! Fun! Notify Jenny if you will BE THERE: *jennyjacobsmullen@gmail.com* or call the church office: 248-352-0680

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WEEKLY PRAYER**: Every Monday, via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

**MEN AND WOMEN’S MONTHLY BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY** will be on a break for the month of August. It will resume on Saturday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m.

**ACC WEBSITE UPDATE**: Thank you, Jacob Arslanian, our church volunteer, Website Coordinator! Jacob has made many updates to our website - check it out at accdetroit.org – Do not forget to check out the Father’s Day Picnic photos!