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11:00 a.m. August 4, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #219,

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian Transliteration:

Voh Yérp Bidi Ménk Zine Bashdénk ee Métch Kuntatz Yérgneetz

Anor Yérkénk oo Zine Gochénk, Ahrkah Déhr Aménitz

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

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together once again to worship You. We know You love us unconditionally and You always are faithful in all that You do. We too want to learn from You, to remain faithful to You all the days of our lives. Help us persevere through the trials we face, without being discouraged or defeated. We want to live a life of victory over sin through Your Spirit, Who lives in us. We give You all the glory and honor, 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 from 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:** Psalm 89:1-16, p.926-927

PASTOR: I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**PEOPLE**: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

PASTOR: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.”

**PEOPLE**: **The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

PASTOR: For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?

**PEOPLE**: **Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?**

PASTOR: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround Him.

**PEOPLE**: **O Lord God Almighty, who is like You?**

PASTOR: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds You.

**PEOPLE**: **You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, You still them.**

PASTOR: You crushed Rahab like one of the slain; with Your strong arm You scattered Your enemies.

**PEOPLE**: **The heavens are Yours, and Yours also the earth; You founded the world and all that is in it.**

PASTOR: You created the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at Your name.

**PEOPLE**: **Your arm is endued with power; Your hand is strong, Your right hand exalted.**

PASTOR: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; love and faithfulness go before You.

**PEOPLE**: **Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.**

**UNISON**: **They rejoice in Your name all day long; they exult in Your righteousness.**

**PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**DOXOLOGY**, #1

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

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

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “Endurance, Faithfulness, and the Victor’s Crown”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Hebrews 12:1-3

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “Running the Race With Perseverance”

**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.

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

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To Souzanne Pope on the birth of her grandson, Jack, born to Stephan and Catherine Pope on Thursday, July 25th!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Monday, August 5th through Friday, August 9th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bring your friends. It is Free & Fun! Notify Jenny: *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.

**ARMENIAN SYNOPSIS**

After listing many heroes in chapter 11, the author of Hebrews encourages the believers and reminds them that they are surrounded by such great witnesses, that we can all learn from and be inspired by them to live a life of victory in Christ.

**Here are some key points to perseverance and faithfulness**:

1. **“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”** Running any race requires training and a lot of discipline. It’s hard work, but it eventually pays off. Running with perseverance in the journey God has set before us requires obedience and discipline to the Lord and His Word. Every day we must invest time in His word and prayer, to help us overcome all the obstacles we face on a daily basis.
2. **“Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”** Jesus is the greatest example for us to follow. He went under many hardships but entrusted Himself to the Father and to the Holy Spirit for strength. We too can put our full trust in Him to help us in times of trouble so that we do not grow weary. We are called to be conquerors in Christ.