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11:00 a.m. August 25, 2024

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #311,

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

Togh Sah-dah-nahn Hooyj Ash-kha-dee Eer Tavérov Prnéh Méz

Ménk Vakh Choonink, zee Dérn paree, Garo-ghéh Bashbanél Méz

Tévk al Badeer, Anteev Méz Basharén, Khs-deev, Grnank Hasdad Géhnal,

Minch Déhrn Amén-nagal Ahn-haght Méhr Abavéhn-néh.

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

Dear Lord, you are highly honored in this sanctuary. We lift up your name and praise you for who you are. We honor your holy name because you are the great God who made all things. May all of your creations honor and glorify you because you alone have done great deeds for us. May our lives always bring glory to your name by loving one another and serving you all the days of our lives. 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 66:1-10

PASTOR: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**PEOPLE**: **Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!**

PASTOR: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

**PEOPLE**: **So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**

PASTOR: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you; they sing praise to your name.”

**PEOPLE**: **Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works are in man’s behalf!**

PASTOR: He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot – come, let us rejoice in Him.

**PEOPLE**: **He rules forever by his power, His eyes watch the nations – let not the rebellious rise up against Him.**

PASTOR: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sounds of His praise be heard; He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

**UNISON**: **For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**DOXOLOGY**, #1

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “Everlasting God,” #37

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: Acts 19:8-19 (p.1726-1727)

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “Knowing and Honoring Christ”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Acts 19:20 (p.1727)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “The Spread of God’s Word in Power”

**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.

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

**SUNDAY USHER GREETERS ARE NEEDED:** Please see Chuck.

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**: Please sign-up in the social hall.

**SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR OR ALTAR FLOWERS:** Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**BI-WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**: This Thursday, August 29th, 6:30 p.m. (Coffee/Fellowship begins at 6:15 p.m.) in person and zoom.

**MEN AND WOMEN’S BREAKFAST, FELLOWSHIP, AND BIBLE STUDY:** First Saturday of each month -- starting September 7at 10:00am.

**ARMENIA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER**: Rev. Hagop and Nune will be going on a missionary trip to Armenia from September 15-27. They plan to visit several churches to evangelize. You can make donations to those churches and their family members who have various needs, such as church renovation, sound system, the less fortunate, the sick, etc. Please make your check donation to the Armenian Congregational Church, and in the memo section, write: “Armenia Mission Trip.” Thank you.

**ARMENIAN SYNOPSIS**

Paul’s life had such an impact, that God did extraordinary miracles through him, which drew the attention of many people to Christ.

**Here are some points about Paul’s effectiveness in spreading the Word of God**:

1. **“The word of the Lord spread widely.”** Because Paul was a committed and faithful follower of Christ, God used him as a good vessel to spread His word widely. This is the case with every believer; we are all called to use God’s Word to touch other people’s lives. God’s Word can transform, heal, cleanse, enlighten, and change people’s lives. It brings joy, purpose, love, and peace for those who obey it.
2. **God’s Word, “Grew in power.”** God’s Word is extremely powerful; it is like a double edged sword. When we speak and claim something by faith from the promises of God in His Word, we see the outcome and reap its benefits. It can refine our character to be like that of Christ, when we submit to the authority of the scripture, the very Word we hold in our hands, the Bible.