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11:00 a.m. September 29, 2024

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “Holy, Holy, Holy,” #78

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian

Soorp yes, Soorp Yes, Soorp Yes, Ov Hzor Asdvadz Mér

An-hah-mar Kord-zért Géh Koh-vén Kou Véh Anoon

Soorp Yes, Soorp Yes, Soorp Yes, Ov Ahmén-no-ghorm Déhr

Ov Too Yeryag Ahnts, Me Asdvadz Ahn-hoon.

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

Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us this day to come worship you as your church. You have called us to be your witnesses, to share your love with those who do not know you. We pray that you use us to proclaim the Gospel to all those we encounter. We want to be effective and bold witnesses for you. We ask that you fill us with your Holy Spirit and with your wisdom, so we can share the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in a manner that will touch the heart of people in a powerful way. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray: *“Our Father...”*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 98

PASTOR: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

**PEOPLE**: **The Lord has made His salvation known and has revealed His righteousness to the nations.**

PASTOR: He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**PEOPLE**: **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

PASTOR: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**PEOPLE**: **Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.**

**UNISON**: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**PRAYER**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “Shout to the Lord,” #11

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: John 17:18-23 (p.1680-1681)

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “The Mission Ahead of Us”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Acts 13:1-5 (p.1714)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “Set Apart By The Spirit For Mission”

**\* HAYR MER**: #275

**BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**: “Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer”

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\* Please stand if you are able**

**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 & CONCERNS**: Please continue prayers for Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger.

**COFFEE HOUR AND ALTAR FLOWERS**: are sponsored by Sharon and Brian Theil, and by Carol and Dennis Leslie, and their families – in honor of Siroon Karapetoff’s birthday!

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

**NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th, BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY**: 10:00am breakfast; 11:00am separate men’s and ladies’ studies.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**: will be served next Sunday, October 6th.

**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.

**ARMENIAN SYNOPSIS**

As Christians, we have a mission, which is to proclaim and share the Gospel with others. It is important that each of us understand what plans, goals, and missions the Lord has for us. To be aimless, without understanding God’s personal will in our lives, will only confuse us from what God has called us to do.

**The book of Acts sheds light about doing God’s mission**:

1. **“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”** (Acts 13:2) It is most common to hear the Lord when believers are praying, worshiping, and fasting. In this instant, the Holy Spirit saw the dedication and devotion of Paul and Barnabas; therefore, He chose them to be His vessels to proclaim the Gospel. We should know what our call is in the Lord.
2. **“After they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”** Prayer and fasting are usually the two least favored things for at least some Christians. We are usually more attuned to worship, to serve, and to be involved in other ministries. However, we cannot neglect the importance of prayer and fasting; they are the pillars of our lives and the life of our church. It measures the effectiveness of our witnessing to others.