**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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11:00 a.m. November 10, 2024

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “When Morning Gilds the Skies,” #23

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian

Voch Chee Hokneer Léh-zoos Yérkél Soorp Aleloos

Park Hissoosi Anvahn Gérkém

Ays Yérk Tsundz-mahn Khantov muh Ansahman

Park Hissoosi Anvahn.

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

Dear Lord, we are grateful to gather here this morning to worship you. We know that we have an everlasting covenant with you, through Christ our Lord. This bonding and lasting covenant draws us to you as our God and Savior. We pray that you help us keep this covenant - love relationship forever strong. We want to grow in our relationship with you and with one another. We want to know you in the most intimate way. Let us have a heart like yours, to love one another deeply, and a mind like yours, to speak words of wisdom to build one another as your church. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray: *“Our Father…”*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**, #79

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 92

PASTOR: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

**PEOPLE**: **For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

PASTOR: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!

**PEOPLE**: **The senseless man does not know, fools do not understand, that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be forever destroyed.**

PASTOR: But you, O Lord, are exalted forever.

**PEOPLE**: **For surely your enemies, O Lord, surely your enemies will perish; all evildoers will be scattered.**

PASTOR: You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured upon me.

**PEOPLE**: **My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.**

PASTOR: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

**UNISON**: **They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, “The Lord is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him.”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**PRAYER**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “Speak, O Lord,” #33

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: Hosea 2:19-20 (p.1397)

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “The Six Stages of a Covenantal Relationship”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Proverbs 17:17 (p.1009)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “The Depth and Quality of a Lasting Relationship”

**\* HAYR MER**: #275

**BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations to Chris and Maritsa Banerian**: They were married yesterday afternoon, and our ACC family congratulates them and wishes them a blessed journey of love and joy!

**ACC WELCOMES THE ARMENIAN AMERICAN VETERANS OF GREATER DETROIT**: joining us today to commemorate and honor Veterans’ Day with all of the Armenian American Veterans and all Veterans that served the Armed Forces of the United States. Together with the Board of Trustees, The Armenian American Veterans are sponsoring an enhanced coffee hour. We want to welcome all of our veteran guests. We greatly appreciate your presence today and service to our country. After the church service, the Armenian American Veterans will be doing an honorary performance in the Social Hall. You are all welcomed.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SAMARITAN’S PURSE**: We are participating in this ministry started by Franklin Graham. It reaches out to poor and under-privileged children around the world, with the good news of the gospel through gifts packed in shoeboxes. Pick-up a shoebox and a form from the Church Foyer today, and return completed boxes by next Sunday, November 17th. You may also build a Shoebox online at: *smaritanpurse.com*

**ACC Welcomes AEUNA Field Pastor, Rev. Ron Tovmassian**: to deliver the English sermon next Sunday, November 17th.

**THANKSGIVING BANQUET:** **Sunday, November 24th at 5:00 p.m.** Jonathan Garabedian (violin) and Tina Garabedian (piano) are part of the wonderful program planned. The meal will be catered by Gary Reizian, Uptown Catering! RSVP by **November 17th** – please sign-up in social hall, email, or call the church!

**Armenian Synopsis**

True and lasting friendships are covenantal. They stand on the promise and oath that they will love, support, protect, forgive, and uplift one another. This can be true in any relationship. As Christians, we are called to keep this covenant, to love God wholeheartedly and to love one another, as ourselves.

1. **“A friend loves at all times.”** How many friends have you had in your life, who have come and gone? Which ones are the ones that have stayed with you in good and bad times? King Solomon reminds us in the wisdom that God bestowed on him, that a true and lasting friend loves at all times. Usually the true color, identity, and quality of friendship shows during hard times. If you have such a friend, you are blessed. And, of course, we can be that friend to others.
2. **“A brother is born in a time of adversity.”** The word ‘brother’, used here, is beyond the blood relation; it speaks of someone you can count on and lean on. When you have adversity in your life, you look for support and strength from such a person who can help you, strengthen you, and uplift you - someone you can fully trust. As Christians, we are called to be that person: to reach out to our fellow believers, who need our prayer, time, affection, and to be there for them in times of difficulty.