**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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11:00 a.m. November 17, 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 gather this morning before your presence to worship and adore you. You alone deserve all the praise and honor because you are the one and only true God of love, perfection, wisdom, justice, peace, and mercy. We pray that you help us to be true witnesses of Christ by spreading the aroma of love and peace. We want our testimony to be powerful and productive, by sharing the love of Christ with a broken world. We also want to spread your sweet aroma to one another as your church, so that you may be glorified in all that we do. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray: *“Our Father…”*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**, #79

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 146

PASTOR: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

**PEOPLE**: **I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

PASTOR: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

**PEOPLE**: **When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

PASTOR: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

**PEOPLE**: **He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.**

PASTOR: The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

**PEOPLE**: **The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

**UNISON: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**PRAYER**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “He Is Exalted,” #20

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**:

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “That The World May Know”

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

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 (p.1796)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “I Am The Aroma Of Christ”

**\* HAYR MER**: #275

**BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS**: Please continue prayers for Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, Alice Kakousian, April and Nicole Tini.

**ACC Welcomes AEUNA Field Pastor, Rev. Ron Tovmassian**: delivering the English sermon this morning! Thank you, Rev. Tovmassian.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SAMARITAN’S PURSE**: Thank you to all who have participated in this ministry, that reaches out to poor and under-privileged children around the world, with the good news of the gospel, through gifts packed in shoeboxes. The deadline for completed boxes is today. Thank you for your generosity.

**THANKSGIVING BANQUET:** **Sunday, November 24th at 5:00 p.m.** Jonathan Garabedian (violin) and Tina Garabedian (piano) are part of the special program planned. The meal will be catered by Gary Reizian, Uptown Catering! Today is the last day to pay for your tickets! Please do in the Social Hall this morning!!

**PLEASE FILL OUT SURVEY WITH LENA BOULADIAN**: In Social Hall, to inform us of your interest in having a **New Year’s Eve** **Gathering/Celebration**—games, music, fellowship! It would be 6:00-9:00pm. We would like your input: Would you like to pay $25 for catered food, or would you prefer potluck?

**AMAA’s Treasured Christmas Joy Program:** Pick up a flyer on one of our foyer tables, to give to children in Armenia for Christmas joy!

**Armenian Synopsis**

Being God’s pleasing aroma to a world that is in need of Christ’s love and healing, is an honored call for all Christians. Every good act and word that we share with other people, in the name of Christ, is a good and pleasing aroma that gives life and hope to the world.

1. **“For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ, among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.”** (2 Corinthians 2:15) It is interesting that the Apostle Paul compares the love of Christ to a ‘pleasing aroma.’ There are fragrances that draw us -- in the same manner, the love of Christ must be presented in such a way that it will draw people to Him.
2. **“In Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.”** (2 Corinthians 2:17) When love is sincere, it leaves no doubt of motives or intentions. When we love without anything in return, it spreads a sweet and pleasant aroma that can remain for a long time. We need to be filled by the fruit of the Spirit (love, peace, joy, faithfulness, gentleness, kindness), so that we can make our testimony about Christ as powerful as it can get.