

September 20, 2026
11:00 AM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #182 “*Just as I Am*” (vss. 1-3)**

***INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)**

We gather in this space Lord to quiet our minds and open our hearts to your transformational presence. We acknowledge that we often walk through the world with veiled vision. Carrying the heavy baggage of prejudices, snap judgements, and learned biases. We confess that these shadows distort how we see ourselves and how we perceive the sacred worth of others. Awaken our spiritual eyes to recognize the holy spark with every individual we meet. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

“Our Father who art in heaven...”

***GLORIA PATRI #79**

RESPONSIVE READING: PREJUDICE & TRUTH

LEADER: We often begin with a glance, building walls out of what we think we know.

PEOPLE: We label the stranger, letting our assumptions speak louder than their reality.

LEADER: Prejudice whispers that we are different, that one is better, and another is less.

PEOPLE: It distorts our vision, making mirrors out of our own fears.

LEADER: But truth does not hide behind walls. Truth demands that we look closer, that we listen longer.

PEOPLE: Truth breaks the molds we cast, showing us the depth beneath the surface.

LEADER: When we lay down our judgements, our eyes are opened to see people as they truly are.

PEOPLE: Ignorance fades away and understanding takes its place.

LEADER: Let us move past the shadows of first impressions and walk into the light of shared humanity.

UNISON: May our hearts be softened, our biases undone, and our minds cleared to receive the truth that sets us all free.
Amen.

LEADER’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

NOTICES & CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

ENGLISH & ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: John 1:45-51 (p. 1647-48)

***HYMN #286 “*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*” (vss. 1 & 3)**

ENGLISH & ARMENIAN SERMON: “From Prejudice to Purity”

***HAYR MER #275**

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand. *** Latecomers may be seated.***
