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11:00 A.M.

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WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church. A supervised nursery is available for children age four and under.

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** - #158 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"
#159 "Praise Him! Praise Him" (vs. 1, 2,)

RESPONSIVE READING - #391 "A Litany In Preparation For Communion"

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right that we should.**

PASTOR: (Let us pray.) It is our duty and our delight, Lord God our Father, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for the world. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

PEOPLE: **We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.**

PASTOR: Remembering these things, we celebrate once again the Supper of the Lord. We pray that despite our sins and doubts the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat the bread and drink the wine we may share in the eternal life of Christ.

PEOPLE: **We thank you that we do not celebrate this supper alone, but in company with all your people, past, present and to come. With them and all creation we praise you and say:**

UNISON: **Holy, holy, holy, Mighty Lord God, everything makes your greatness known: we acknowledge it with joy. Amen.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI** - #295

COMMUNION

ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Mathew 18:21-35 (pg. 1527-28)*

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "*The Unmerciful Servant*"

***HYMNS** #281 "*This Is My Father's World*" (vs. 1 & 2)

#40 "*Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross*" (vs.1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Colossians 4:7-18 (Pg. 1835,36)*

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "*Forgotten People We Must Remember*"

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "*Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er*"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VARTANANTS: The Greater Detroit Armenian Churches are sponsoring a united Vartanants observance, on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The Host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. English message will be by our own Pastor Makarios Darawi. All are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be offered on Sunday, March 12, 2006. From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Christian Education room. This class is required for those who are either interested in becoming communicant members or transferring their membership from another church to A.C.C. Please speak to Pastor Mak if you are interested in attending the class.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION will be administered today during the morning worship service. All who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to share this Sacrament with us. In accordance with our custom, we suggest that as an act of Christian community, each communicant hold the element (first, the bread; then the cup) until all have been served. Then with the Pastor, partake together, so that none may be first and none may be last at the Lord's Table.

PRAYER TIME. Come join us today for a prayer time right here in the sanctuary following the worship service.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please continue to pray for Bud Gasser, Mary Ann Gasser, Pat Rorai, Kenneth Saundry, Ann Frontera, and the Mclrue family in time of John's illness.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Matthew 18:21-35)

In response to Peter's "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me?" Jesus says that he should forgive an unlimited number of times. But he quickly also adds this parable about a king who was owed a huge amount of money by one of his servants. When the king asked for the owed money, the servant who could not repay the huge amount pleads and begs for some time to pay. In a change of heart the king totally forgives all of this servants debt. The king's servant on his way out meets one of his servants who owed him a very small amount, and demands that his servant pays it back. His servant begs for patience to repay the debt, but the king's servant who seems to have quickly forgotten how much he was forgiven refuses. When the king is informed of what his servant has done, he is obviously angered and has the servant jailed.

Three key lessons need to be highlighted from this parable:

1. The king's words to his unmerciful servant are very important, "I cancelled all the debt of yours ... shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" The king here represents God who by His grace has forgiven us all of our sins. In light of that we should be more forgiving and merciful towards each other.
2. "A Christian's love for God can be measured by the way he treats his fellowmen. A lack of kindness and mercy shows a lack of God in the life."(Pentz)
3. Stiller says, "The final words of Jesus in this text are key: "So is everyone who doesn't forgive his brother from his heart." Forgiveness is more than ethical behavior, ... What is needed, then, is inner change of heart so that the person is able to live differently."