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MORNING SERVICE

11:00 a. m

June 26, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - #4 "Worship The Lord In The Beauty of Holiness"

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Eternal God our Father, by whose love we are accepted and understood, grant us grace to see the error of our ways and the pretensions by which we hide our condition, and by your Holy Spirit lead us to repentance and renewal. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray: " Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

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RESPONSIVE READING AND PRAYER:

PASTOR: The first of the Ten Commandments is: "I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before you."

PEOPLE: God tolerates no competition and accepts no compromises.

PASTOR: God must be the focal point of our lives, or he cannot be our God.

PEOPLE: Everything falls into its place if we put God at the top and ourselves at the bottom of our scale of values.

PASTOR: In Jesus Christ, God has become like us. Through Jesus Christ, we become like God. Let us pray for Christ-like lives: O God, we pray for the patience of Christ when relationship turn sour.

PEOPLE: O God, we pray for the compassion of Christ when we deal with failures.

PASTOR: Lord God, we pray for the courage of Christ when we face danger.

PEOPLE: Lord God, we pray for the generosity of Christ when we are asked for help.

PASTOR: Dear Lord, we pray for the sympathy of Christ when we comfort the grieving.

PEOPLE: Dear Lord, we pray for the strength of Christ when we are overwhelmed by life.

PASTOR: Father God, make us to grow more and more like your Son. We want others to see us as Christ's brothers and sisters and as your sons and daughters.

UNISON: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

YOUTH WORSHIP SONGS

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: Matthew 10: 47-42 (p. 1512)

English: Romans 5:6-8 (p.1753)

ARMENIAN SERMON: *Receiving Christ*

*HYMN - # 64 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

ENGLISH SERMON: *While We Were Weak*

*HAYR MER - # 133

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz MÉR"

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING 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 make this your church home.

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL this morning on the piano, Dr. Taline Hagopian.

WE NEED SPONSORS FOR COFFEE HOUR DURING THE SUMMER SEASON to reduce expenses for the church.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON (Matthew 10:40-42)

What does it mean to receive Jesus? What would it mean to receive the message of Christ in such a way that our lives would radically be changed that we would become followers of Jesus?

First of all, we would need to realize that there is an emptiness within us. Are you willing to admit to a certain emptiness? I want to suggest to you that receiving Jesus is the key to true happiness. It is a kind of emotional experience. But it is more than a feeling.

Receiving Jesus begins with the mind. Do you have a philosophy of life that is satisfying and responsible? Receiving Jesus is a matter of the heart, but faith that is primarily or exclusively emotion will never completely satisfy us.

Receiving Jesus is a matter of mind but it is also a matter of morals. It is being committed to right actions.

Receiving Jesus is also a matter of mission. The happiest people are people determined to spread the joy they have found in Christ to others.

Christ sent out those early disciples to redeem the world with this instruction: "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me." It is a conversion of everything we are and hope to be. And, wonder of wonders, this is the path to true happiness in this world and the world to come.

INFORMATION

Please tear off and place in the collection plate.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

- I have recently moved into this area. I have moved, new address
- I am interested in membership. I wish to be on the mailing list
- I would appreciate a visit from the minister This person is sick