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11:00 A.M.

July 31, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN - # 3 "O Worship The King"

*INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

Almighty God, draw us close. Teach us and lead us forever and everywhere to be alive and on fire with songs of gratitude, words of witness, prayers of compassion, deeds of justice, acts of kindness. O Lord, draw us close and fill us with your Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

"Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

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RESPONSIVE READING AND MORNING PRAYER:

PASTOR: We often overlook the valuable things in our lives because we do not recognize their worth to others or to ourselves. The enemies of Jesus did not recognize who he was. They were blinded by their own ideas of the Messiah.

PEOPLE: They expected a political ruler who would crush the enemies of Israel and restore the throne of King David. They did not realize that the cornerstone of God's Kingdom would be a suffering Servant.

PASTOR: We are surrounded by beauty if we take time to look.

PEOPLE: We are summoned to duty if we take time to listen.

PASTOR: The sculptor sees an angel in the rough black marble. The architect sees a building on a plot of land. The teacher sees a mind in the child's fumbling.

PEOPLE: Every circumstance presents an opportunity to make the world a better place to live.

PASTOR: There are people all around us who have gifts of leadership and service that go unrecognized. They are willing and able to be called on but no one has recognized their talents. Let us pray that the church will make good use of all its members. Almighty God, help us to call into service those who can teach children.

PEOPLE: Almighty God, help us to call into service those who can visit shut-ins.

PASTOR: Lord God, help us to call into service those who can greet worshippers.

PEOPLE: Lord God, help us to call into service those who can support the grieving.

PASTOR: Gracious Lord, help us to call into service those who can recruit new members.

PEOPLE: Gracious Lord, help us to call into service those who can manage finances.

UNISON: Our Heavenly Father; help us to spread around the burden and blessing of rendering service to your church. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: Luke 14: 15 – 24 (p. 1622)

English: Luke 13: 6 - 9 (p. 1620)

ARMENIAN SERMON: *Excuses, Excuses*

*HYMN - # 96 "I Love to Tell The Story" (vss. 1,2)

ENGLISH SERMON: *The Other Kind of Sin*

*HAYR MER - # 133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "*Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér*"

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (all regular and communicant members are requested to remain in the sanctuary.)

* *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 worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your home Church.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE, A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held to act upon the resolution recommended by the ACC Council and Board of Trustees.

The resolution is a gesture of deep appreciation honoring Rev. Tootikian for his many years of devoted service and numerous contributions to the Armenian Congregational Church. Here is a summary of the points of the resolution: -- Bestow on him the title of "Minister Emeritus" -- Invite him to continue using the ACC Armenian Heritage Committee Fund to promote Armenian culture -- Continue to provide for his family's health insurance premiums through the end of 2007 -- Dedicate the ACC Social Hall as the "Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall."

ACC Council

A WORD ON PLEDGES: In any mature and responsible household, it is proper to confront all members with their responsibilities for the good of all. It is the same for the Church also, which is, after all, a household of faith. For this reason, we remind each and all that the Church depends upon all doing their best to keep up to date on pledge payments in order to help the church balance its annual budget and maintain its programs. If you are behind and if it will not work undue hardship, won't you kindly make every effort to catch up? For your thoughtfulness, your church thanks you.

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