

**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**  
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**Rev. Makarios Darawi**

11:00 A.M.

June 25, 2006

*We welcome all who are worshipping 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.*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMNS** - #5 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* (vv. 1&2)  
#8 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (vv. 1 & 2)

**RESPONSIVE READING** -#339 *"God's Goodness"*

**PASTOR:** I feel at times as if I could never cease praising God. Come and rejoice with me over his goodness!

**PEOPLE:** **I reached for him out of my inner conflicts, and he was there to give me strength and courage.**

**PASTOR:** I wept in utter frustration over my troubles, and he was near to help and support me. What he has done for me he can do for you.

**PEOPLE:** **Turn to him; he will not turn away from you. His loving presence encompasses those who yield to him.**

**PASTOR:** He is with them even in the midst of their troubles and conflicts. He meets their emptiness with His abundance and shores up their weakness with his divine power.

**PEOPLE:** **Listen to me; I know whereof I speak. I have learned through experience that this is the way to happiness.**

**PASTOR:** God is ever alert to the cries of his children; he feels and bears with them their pains and problems.

**PEOPLE:** **He is very near to those who suffer and reaches out to help those who are battered down with despair.**

**UNISON:** Even the children of God must experience affliction, but they have a loving God who will keep them and watch over them. The godless suffers in loneliness and without hope; the servant of God finds meaning and purpose even in the midst of his suffering and conflict.

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*GLORIA PATRI - #295**

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**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**PRAYER**  
**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**  
**\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *I Corinthians: 1:1-9* (pp.1771-72)  
**SERMON IN ARMENIAN:** **"God Is Faithful"**

**\*HYMNS** -# 13 *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"* (vv.1&2)  
#54 *"There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing"* (vv.1&2)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** Genesis 4:1-16 (pp. 6-7)  
**SERMON IN ENGLISH:** **"The Rupture Of a Relationship"**

**\*HAYR MER** - # 133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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**\*\*Congregation is requested to stand**

**\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FLOWERS AND THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY** are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Gayaneh Kachadourian.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY.** Volunteers are needed for *Classroom Redecorating* beginning this week. Families please plan on donating a few hours of your time to help complete this project. Call the office before dropping by.

**FREE BOOKS.** The pastor has put some extra copies of books and hymnals on the table in the fellowship hall entrance. Please help yourselves to however many you like.

**WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL** this morning our guest pianist, Dr. Taline Hagopian.

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS** Please continue to pray for Hovsep Koundakjian and his family, and for Thelma Jernukian's sister Notre.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon**  
**“God Is Faithful”**  
(I Corinthians 1:1-9)

The church is often criticized for many things. It is criticized for its lack of love. It is criticized for being hypocritical. It is criticized for not being spiritual enough, or for having problems, and the list goes on. Even though the church might have many weaknesses, this should not discourage us from regularly attending church, nor become the cause for totally abandoning it, as some have done.

The above-mentioned passage from the letter to the Corinthian church gives us answers to what our attitude should be like. This Corinthian church had many problems, and Paul is writing in response to some of the news that had reached him about them. Paul is able to give thanks to God for them because of God's character. God will always remain faithful to His promises to make His people perfect despite their imperfection. God through His Son Jesus has given His people the necessary gifts to remain strong until His Son's return. God Himself was going to keep them until Jesus' return. We also should be thankful, and should be praying to God for His church and its ministry in the world. The church is not perfect, and will not ever achieve perfection in this world, but God is constantly working on perfecting His people. This process should not be left entirely to God, but we, as Christians who have been blessed by the gift of the Holy Spirit, should be on an upward journey towards perfection and holiness.

God is faithful; let us also be faithful to His church. Let us pray and work to improve and encourage the ministry of the church, because it is God's tool in this world. It is through the church's ministry of evangelism and witnessing that God works to change and transform people.