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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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** – # 8 *Holy, Holy, Holy (vv.1-4)*

93 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun (vv.1-5)*

RESPONSIVE READING- #329 "Seek The Lord"

PASTOR: Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, but and eat!

PEOPLE: **Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

PASTOR: Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

PEOPLE: **Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.**

PASTOR: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

PEOPLE: **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

PASTOR: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PEOPLE: **For as the rain the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.**

PASTOR: For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.

PEOPLE: **The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

UNISON: **Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.**

***INVOCATION**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Exodus 3:13-15 (p.91)*

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: *"The Great I Am"*

***HYMNS** - # *Seek Ye First (Insert)*

#184 *"Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound" (vv. 1,2)*

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Luke 15:11-31 (pp 1624-25)

SERMON IN ENGLISH: *"Amazing Grace"*

***HYMNS-** #184 *"Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound" (vv. 3,4)*

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to our accompanist, Ms. Jenny Jacobs on the guitar.

AMAA APPEALS FOR HELP. The AMAA is asking all the Armenian Evangelical Churches to pray and consider making financial donations to support our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. If you would like to support the AMAA efforts, please pick-up a form from the lobby.

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

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

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

Born. Brook Campbell Burrows was born on July 24, 2006. Brook is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Frances Garabedian.

Pray. Please pray for the people and the situation in Lebanon. Pray for our Armenian brothers and sisters who are suffering as a result of this conflict. Also keep the Avakian family in your prayers as the doctors have given Moses' mother just few days to live.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Exodus 3:13-15)

When God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses began to list some excuses to convince God that he was the wrong person for the job. His first excuse was, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God's answer was simply that He will be with him. Moses came up with a second excuse, he said, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God answered Moses "**I AM WHO I AM**" or "**I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE.**" This name tells us a lot about God, that God is self-sufficient. That God has His existence in Himself and He is not dependent on anyone. Humans are dependent on God for their existence God simply says, "I AM WHO I AM." God is eternal and unchanging.

In verse 15, God adds that He is the God of their fathers. This was to give them assurance. He is the God who has made covenants with their fathers. He is the God who kept His promises and was always faithful to them. He wanted them to know that He is the same God who did all that. But God is not only the God of the past. He is the God of the future. His name is "I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE." God is not limited to the past, He is the God of today and tomorrow.

God wants to say to us what He said to Moses. I AM the God who has been faithful in the past, I AM the God who is your present help, and I AM the God who will be there for you in the future. "I AM The Great I AM."

How much do you trust God?