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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 - #

RESPONSIVE READING- #369 "Known By Our Love"

PASTOR: We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love remains in death.

PEOPLE: **Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

PASTOR: But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Let us not love in word or speech but in deed and truth.

UNISON: **Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be expiation for our sins.**

PASTOR: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

UNISON: **There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us. If any one says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves god should love his brother also.**

*INVOCATION

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

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Mathew 21:33-46 (pp. 1533-34)*
SERMON IN ARMENIAN: *"The Parable Of The Tenants "*

*HYMN - # 76 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"* (vv. 1-3)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Hebrews 10:19-25 (pp. 1873-74)*
SERMON IN ENGLISH: *"Blessed Assurance"*

*HYMN - # 76 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"* (vv. 1-3)

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to our accompanist, Mrs. Gayaneh Kachadourian.

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.

COMMUNION. We invite you to join us next Sunday as we celebrate the Lord's Table.

THANK YOU to the faithful and dedicated volunteers who worked to complete the classroom redecorating. We plan to complete the project this week.

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.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS. 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. Pray that the upcoming 160th anniversary celebrations of the Armenian Evangelical Church in Armenia will be witness to God's goodness, grace, and salvation to the people of Armenia.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Matthew 21:33-46)

This parable speaks of the rejection of Christ. As the workers of the vineyard rejected the servants and the son of the owner, so people reject God's Son and His prophets.

Vv. 33-41, a vineyard was planted and all preparations provided for its harvesting, including caretakers. The owner sent his servants to collect the fruit of the vineyard, but the servants were killed. The owner finally sent his son, thinking they would respect him. They killed him also. Then the householder comes and destroys these wicked men and places responsible tenants in control of the vineyard.

Vv. 42-44, is a prophecy of Psalm 118:22. Christ is the cornerstone; we are the small stones making up the building. "What I mean is that the Kingdom of God shall be taken away from you and given to a nation that will give God his share of the crop" (v.43 LB). Those who acknowledge Christ, bowing before Him, will be saved. Those who reject the Son of God will be lost.

Jesus came to His own people, and they rejected Him. But those who accepted Him became sons of God (John 1:12). Whether or not a person believes in God, they will some day be accountable to God. This day is called the Day of Judgment. We will be judged based on whether we have accepted or rejected the Son. The question I would like to ask everyone of you is,

Have you accepted the Son of God as your Savior and Lord?