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Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.
2010

September 26,

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.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

*SONG – 2 “Forever” (Songbook)

READING IN UNISON – *Philippians 2:3-11 (p.1827)*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus; who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYER

HYMN - #74 “Take My Life, And Let It Be”(1,2,3,6)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Matthew 20: 17-28 (pp. 1530-31)*

“Not To Be Served But To Serve”

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING - OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Ruth 3:1-8 (pp. 414-15)*

“A Women of Noble Character”

REMINDERS

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***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park Khez Dher, Asdvadz Mher*”

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BOARD OF DEACONS SEPTEMBER MEETING will be held *today* following the fellowship hour.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY. We invite all men and women to join us on Wednesday, **September 29, at 7:00 p.m.** as we continue to study God’s Word together. This year we are studying the book of Hebrews. Why not join us for the first time?

YOUTH MINISTRY SLEEPOVER. The Armenian Congregational Youth Fellowship sleepover will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010. Youth ages 13-17 are invited to sleepover at the church. AEYF Eastern Region Youth Pastor Ara Jizmejian will be speaking and leading the weekend. The newly redecorated youth room will be initiated. For more details see Michael Banerian. Teens come and bring your friends!

ACC CHOIR. Gentlemen, please step forward -- to make our beautiful Armenian Congregational Church Sanctuary Choir full! Also, we will have our next rehearsal on Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We hope to have more new members join!

ARMENIAN HERITAGE MONTH. The ACC will be hosting Mr. Tom Mooradian, author of “The Repatriate” on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 pm.

HARVEST PARTY. The ACC Sunday School is organizing a special evening of delicious food, fun and games for the whole family on Friday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Pray for Ray Jernukian.

* Volunteers are needed to drive Ray to his dialysis appointments. For details and to volunteer, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In scene three of this story, Naomi who was anxious that her daughter-in-law should find a husband and a home, coaches Ruth in the Israelite custom of levirate marriage. Boaz being Naomi's dead husband's heir and Ruth being a childless widow, he had the right and responsibility to marry her. Naomi's plan is risky, but she is confident that Boaz being a man of strong character and integrity will do the right thing. Ruth does exactly as Naomi tells her. When Boaz is awakened in the middle of the night and wants to know who it is that is laying at his feet, Ruth answers, "I am your servant Ruth, spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsmen-redeemer." In other words, Ruth was asking Boaz to make a symbolic claim to marriage by placing his garment over her. Boaz praises Ruth's kindness, promises to do what she asked for, and states that all the people of Bethlehem know that she is a woman of noble character. In the early morning, he sends her home to her mother-in-law with a generous gift of barley. After recounting all that happened to Naomi, it is now time to rest and wait for Boaz to settle the matter.

In this chapter we see, (1) the divine and human working together. God has been divinely directing the events of the story so far, however, Naomi and Ruth are not sitting ideal but doing something to help their cause. (2) The integrity and character of Boaz and Ruth once again shines through. (3) After all is done there is the hardest thing to do, waiting.