

Makarios Darawi, Pastor
Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

March 13, 2011

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

*HYMNS & SONGS – #114 “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty” (1,2,3,4)
#184 “Amazing Grace” (1,2)

*UNISON READING – Ephesians 2:13-22

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with his commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself at the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

PRAYER

*SONG – #25A “All I Have Is Christ (Songbook-Seated)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: Luke 15:11-32 (Pp. 1624-25)

“Lost and Found”

SANCTUARY CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING – *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Luke 15:11-32 (Pp. 1623-24)

“Lost and Found”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Park KØez DØer, Asvadz MØer”**
POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

*** Latecomers be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP February meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour.

THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:00 pm.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 pm.

EACH PRAISE AND PRAYER RALLY – There will be a praise and prayer rally on Sunday, **MARCH 20 at 6:00 pm.** at **Faith Covenant Church** – 35415 West 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. All are welcome.

ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP LENTEN LUNCHEON

The A.C.C. Women’s Fellowship is sponsoring their annual Lenten Luncheon on Friday, March 25 at 12:00 noon. Come enjoy a beautiful program. Both men and women are welcome. To RSVP please contact the church office.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for Japan (tsunami), for Libya (civil unrest), and for the E.A.C.H campaign www.eachtoday.com

Synopsis of the Messages

You can’t read too far into the gospels before you realize that Jesus was often in a lot of trouble ... with the religious establishment, especially the Pharisees. Jesus was in trouble because he was constantly hanging out with “sinners.” The religious leaders, on the other hand, made it their practice to steer clear of bad people. How odd. They thought you pleased God by drawing lines. Jesus said you pleased God by crossing lines. When Jesus was questioned about this, he made himself clear:

He said, “*It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.*

But go and learn what this means, ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but the sinners” (Matthew 9:12.13).

Jesus said to the Pharisees: “I wish you had the COMPASSION OF GOD for lost people. Instead, you’ve got all you’re RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY. God would trade compassion for sacrifice any day!” That must have given them some heartburn!

If you ask biblical scholars to isolate the key statement concerning Jesus’ mission, they will usually point to Luke 19:10.

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

He said that just after being confronted by the “good guys” for going to the house of a chief tax-collector named Zacchaeus. To rightly understand the person of Jesus we must understand his central mission – he came to seek and to save lost people. God lost something, and He wants it back. Jesus came to get it back! That is the essence of why he came – to bring lost people home. Ultimately, Jesus went to a Roman cross. Why? To pay the ransom price for the lost.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

O.K. So seeking and saving the lost was central to the mission of Jesus. Then wouldn’t it make sense that this same mission should be central to the life of a Christ-follower? Didn’t he even say to one of his very first followers: “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men” (Luke 5:10). And, if this mission is the heartbeat of the Savior, wouldn’t it make sense that any local church that is truly being led by Jesus would also have this same heartbeat, this same burning desire to seek and save the lost? Lost people were of preeminent value to Jesus. They should be to us also. Who do you care about? Who are you praying for? Who are you inviting in? Ask God to show you who it is He wants to FIND *through you*.

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