

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

11:00 A.M.

March 20, 2011

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.

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMNS & SONGS** – #115 “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” (Vv. 1,2,4)
#89 “*The Church’s One Foundation*” (vv. 1,2)

***UNISON READING** – *Ephesians 3:2-9, & 12*

“Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”

PRAYER

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

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Selected Passages*

“Let The Light Shine”

SANCTUARY CHOIR
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
OFFERING – *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Selected Passages*

“Let The Light Shine”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park K’hez D’her, Asdvadz M’her*”
POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

*** Latecomers be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Sirarpie and Taline Hagopian in memory of husband and father Nigoghos Hagopian.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Nora Baylerian, Ann and Ed Baylerian and family, Isabel and Robert Kurkechian and family in memory of mother, stepmother and grandmother Alice Baylerian.

COMMUNITY GROUPS Bible study will be held on Wednesday, March 23, at the Darawi home and on Friday, March 25, at the Arslanian home.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING will be held next Sunday, March 27, 2011 following the fellowship hour.

EACH PRAISE AND PRAYER RALLY – There will be a praise and prayer rally **TODAY** 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. There will be a special Congregational meeting on Sunday, April 3rd following the morning worship service.

SCHOLARSHIP. The A.C.C. provides scholarships through its Educational Fund for fulltime college and university students of the church community. For an application please call the church office.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

Synopsis of the Messages

We all have a lot of interesting ideas about “church.” A lot of people think of “church” as an area of life. Jesus and the New Testament writers always used pictures, or metaphors when they talked about the church to communicate what they were envisioning.

- A **“body.”** The living expression of Christ on Earth; Jesus is the “head” and we are the various “members,” and we each have a role to play in the functioning of this “body.” The “church” is a living, active body.
- A **“bride.”** Specifically, the “bride of Christ.”
- A **“spiritual temple.”** Not a physical building, but a sort of spiritual building being built by God, each believer being a new ‘stone’ in the temple . . . and Jesus is the chief corner stone of the whole spiritual temple. The “church” is a spiritual house of sorts.
- A **“family.”** The “church” is a family, with parents, adolescents and babies. People at all different stages of spiritual life living together in community with one another, helping one another along in the growth process.

The basic idea is that the “church” is a dynamic movement of changed lives. It is not a static organization, not a system, not a building on the corner, not a duty. The first one to use the term “church” was Jesus. And He said, ***“I will build My church, and the gates of hell won’t be able to stop it.”*** Right from the get-go He envisioned a force, a movement, an unstoppable power that would contend with evil.

The apostle Paul reminded one church of its fundamental purpose – ***“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life”*** (Philippians 2:14-16).

Shine like stars in the midst of a dark generation. Let your light shine. **E.A.C.H.** dream was born in the hearts of Christian leaders who sensed we weren’t throwing off enough light. In light of the trying times our region has been through these last few years, now is the time to let the love of Christ shine outward, through good deeds and good news. Jesus knows exactly what this region is going through. He knows the hardship of every single family, every individual. AND He knows what His churches are doing to respond to this time of need. This is a huge opportunity for the CHURCH in metro-Detroit to come together and really BE the CHURCH!

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