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**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 a.m. November 20, 2022**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *# 357 “Now Thank We All Our God” (vss. 1-3)*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Dear Lord, we come to you with a heart of gratitude, giving you thanks for your most wonderful name. We are so grateful that you have saved us and granted us the free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. We will forever praise you for loving us unconditionally by pouring your grace and Spirit on us so that we may live in your glorious presence. Help us to learn to thank you in all things at all times because your Word tells us that all things work for the good of those who love you. We love you and praise you for who you are and what you have done for us. We give you all the glory and honor who taught us to pray: “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI-** *#79* *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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**\*RESPONSIVE READING: Thanksgiving**

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord. O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits;

**PEOPLE:** **Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion;**

**PASTOR:** Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

**PASTOR:**  He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

**PEOPLE: The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**PASTOR:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

**PEOPLE:** **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgression from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;**

**PASTOR:** From everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear him, with those who keep his covenant remember to obey his precepts.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.**

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**UNISON: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#29“Give Thanks”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Colossians 3:15-17 (p. 1835)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Give Thanks For all Things at all Times**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Hebrews 12:28 (p. 1878)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Being Thankful with Reverence**

**\*HAYR MER:** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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**\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US,** especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Dr. Richard Marburger, Aram Kakousian, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia and Ukraine.

**THERE IS NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY** we look forward to seeing everyone with RSVP at the Thanksgiving Banquet at 5:00 p.m.

**THANKSGING DINNER, WORSHIP, AND GAMES,** Wednesday, November 23rd

at 6:30 p.m. We will be taking a break from Bible Study to come together for fellowship and to celebrate Thanksgiving together. All welcome!

**THE A.C.C. WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** has ended. We are grateful for Lena's leadership and service. A new study will begin in January of 2023.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR GRADUATION** approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church Family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at [Office@accdetroit.org](mailto:Office@accdetroit.org).

**The 1863 Proclamation of Thanksgiving by President Abraham Lincoln**

**In Unison**: “I do invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and union.”

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

God’s kingdom is an eternal unshakable kingdom that no one can shake its foundation, it is solid and it stand on a rock and that rock is Christ Jesus who conquered over death, sin, and the devil. The writer of Hebrews says that is enough reason for us to be thankful and worship God.

**Here are some points about thankfulness and worship:**

1. **“Be thankful”:** We are reminded that we have a good reason why we should always be thankful to God; it is because we have inherited the kingdom of God not because of anything we have done but because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. We all have eternity before us to give Him thanks for saving us from death and condemnation.
2. **“Worship God Acceptably with Reverence and Awe”:** God is to be honored with our lives. Our creator deserves our praise and worship because He has shown nothing but grace and mercy to us. Our lives should reflect our confession of being Christians. He is to be revered in all that we do, not just in church but also at home, our work, and wherever we may be.