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**11:00 a.m. July 23, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN:** *#7 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”*

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

Our Heavenly Father, we have gathered together in the awareness of Your everlasting love. We thank You for Your Holy Spirit, which enables us to live with confidence and joy. As we lift up our words of prayer and our songs of praise, we give ourselves to You in a spirit of true worship. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, 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.*

**THE LITTANY OF LOVE:**

**PASTOR:** We live in Christ!

**PEOPLE:** **Christ lives in us!**

**PASTOR:** In Him there is no hatred, no violence, no separation, or alienation.

**PEOPLE: In Him there is peace and joy, unity and concord, a reason for being calm and a reason for living actively to change our world.**

**PASTOR:** In one another we find the measure of life and love.

**PEOPLE:** **In one another we find something of the Lord Jesus.**

**PASTOR:** In all creation we find signs of His love.

**PEOPLE:** **In everything we find God, the source of Love.**

**PASTOR:** His Kingdom is coming in this world in which we live.

**PEOPLE: In Christ the Kingdom of God is already in the world in which we live.**

**PASTOR:** Yet we find signs of His absence in our lives and in our world.

**PEOPLE:** **Wars and rumors of wars, idolatry that places people below principles, cruelty that teaches that ends justify means.**

**PASTOR:** Because of this, we are to be His people in creation.

**PEOPLE: We are to be the yeast in the dough of life, the leaven in the wine of creation.**

**PASTOR:** We are to be agents of change in this life.

**UNISON:** **We are to be participants in the Kingdom that is here, the Kingdom that is to come.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH ANTHEM**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SACRAMENY OF BAPTISM**

1. Brief Address. 2. Parents Vow. 3. Baptism

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: Mark 10:14-16 (p. 1570)

**ENGLISH SERMON: *Make Me A Child Again***

**\*HYMN:** *#263 “I Am Yours, O Lord” (vss. 1,4)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 6:34 (p. 1505)

**ARMENIAN SERMON: *Handling Worry***

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT** our Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian. Pastor Hagop Haroutunian and his wife, Nuné, are in Armenia for a mission trip. They will be back on the 28th of July.

**TO BE BAPTIZED THIS MORNING IS** Jacob Charles Jurczak, son of Chris and Marianne Jurczak.

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Chris and Marianne Jurczak on the happy occasion of the baptism of their son, Jacob Charles.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, and Glenn Harrison.

**ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP** Eastern Region Fall Conference, with guest speaker. Lara Cholakian Khoury, will be held on Friday through Sunday, September 15-17, at the Radisson Hotel in Southfield, and here at A.C. C. To register and more information visit [http://aeuna.org/aewf-er 2023](about:blank). Please also register with Sheryl Marburger after the church service in the Social Hall.

**CHURCH RETREAT.** We will be having a two-day retreat, Friday and Saturday, August 25-26, at the Maryville Retreat Center, in Holly, MI. The cost is $100.

The guest speaker will be Pastor Richard Afsharian, from the Armenian Brethren Church, in Pasadena, CA. The retreat will include a one-night stay and

four meals. The theme and topic will be ‘Living with Eternal Perspective’ The cost for Saturday is only $80.  A deposit of $50 is required when you sign up. Please sign up with Sheryl Marburger, after the church service, in the Social Hall. Deadline to pay in full is Sunday, July 30th.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Worry is one of the most destructive forces in life. It is an enemy that does more damage to human life than wars and natural disasters. It is the “enemy within,” which is not visible. It wastes energy, undermines happiness, paralyzes effort and leads to destruction.

How can we handle worry and take some practical steps to overcome it?

1. **Jesus affirms that worry does not accomplish anything.** He tells us, “Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to life?” Worry does not increase the length and quality of life. Worry does not solve problems; on the contrary it creates new ones. It is the greatest thief and robber of energy. It is the greatest destroyer of life.
2. **Jesus is confirming that instead of facing the future with worry, we must face it with faith in God.** The antidote to worry is faith. Jesus did not deny that life has its bitter disappointments. He told his followers “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart. I have overcome the world” (John 16:13). If God feeds the birds and flowers, will He not much more clothe you, “O you of little faith” (Matthew 6:30).
3. **Jesus offers a method for meeting our worries: To live one day at a time.** We should learn to live one day at a time and take one step at a time. We cannot live in the past, and we cannot pre-live the future. While in this world we cannot completely solve the problem of worry, we can learn to handle it, instead of allowing it to handle us.