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**11:00 a.m. October 1, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#231 “God of Grace and God of Glory”*

 *(vs. 1-2 English, vs. 3 Armenian)*

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

Righteous Father, we come before you with a heart of gratitude. Thank you for always being loving and righteous, in all that you do. Teach us to always maintain a heart of integrity, in all that we do. We want to imitate you and live with an upright heart. Let integrity guide us in the path of righteousness, in all of our ways. Let your righteousness fill our hearts and mind to do only what is right and pleasing to you. 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:** ***World Communion Sunday***

**PASTOR:** Almighty God, we thank you that you have made of one blood all humankind, and have created all human beings in your image.

**PEOPLE:** **We thank you that you are our Father in heaven, and all of your other children are our brothers and sisters.**

**PASTOR:** We thank you that you so loved the world that you gave your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**PEOPLE: We t**han**k you that “Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed” that we might have abundant life.**

**PASTOR:** Grant, O Father, that as You and Your Son are one, so we, Your people, may be bound together in You.

**PEOPLE:** **Grant that, on this World Communion Sunday, by partaking of the bread and wine of the Sacrament of Communion, we unite ourselves to those who share in this Eucharistic celebration throughout the world.**

**PASTOR:** We pray that when we partake of the elements of the Lord's Supper, we may identify ourselves with our fellow-Christians, worldwide, and that we may share with them, in their times of joy, and be concerned about them in their times of need.

**PEOPLE: We pray that when we partake of communion we will have the courage to be the Body of Christ, in our sinful world, and be the living witnesses of the Risen Lord.**

**PASTOR:** We pray that this Communion service be a bridge that carries us into the world to bear life-giving food and drink to those who hunger and thirst for God.

**UNISON: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNION SONG:** *#16“You are My King”*

1. Giving of the Bread
2. Giving of the Cup

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Proverbs 11:3 (p. 999)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Keeping Our Integrity Without Any Compromise**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Psalm 25:21(p. 864)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Being Clothed With Integrity and an Upright Heart**

**\*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 Artsakh, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, and Dr. Richard Marburger.

**ARMENIAN AND ENGLISH LIVE RADIO PROGRAM** this evening at 6:00-7:00p.m. with Pastor Hagop, hosted by Vaughn Masropian. The theme this Sunday evening is **“Perseverance in the Midst of Hardship”** on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com /ArmenianCongregationalChurch and at WNZK 690AM.

**NEW BI-WEEKL** **Y** Wednesday Bible Study to start in October. Theme: The Daniel Dilemma: How to Stand firm and Love Well in a Culture of Compromise. Author Chris Hodges. Please sign up after the Morning Worship Service. Study guide book is $10.

**OUR MAGNIFICENT ORGAN** was so generously donated to us by The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer in Birmingham.  A very special “thank you” to Tom and Michele Margosian for orchestrating and organizing this beautiful addition, to lead us in glorious worship to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! And thank you to Michael Banerian for using his mechanical talents and skills to set-up the sound! And thank you so much to Brian Margosian, Michael Banerian, Jacob Arslanian, and to Dan Bayleran for taking time to help moving out the old and bringing in the new - truly doing the Lord’s work.

**HOLY TRANSLATOR’S DAY** will be held this Friday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikain. There will be refreshments, following the program, in the Social Hall. Please sign up after the Morning Worship Service.

**PASTOR HAGOP HAROUTUNIAN’S ORDINATION** will be held on Sunday, October 15th, at 6pm in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Social Hall. You should have received an invitation in the mail. Don’t forget to RSVP. Hope to see you all there. If you would like to help, please sign up with Sheryl Marburger in the Social Hall after the Morning Worship Service.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY** 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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

 One of the greatest of individuals in the Bible, with great integrity, is David, along with Joseph, Daniel, and others. David prayed this prayer asking God not to compromise his integrity in the midst of all the hardship he was facing.

**Here are some points about Integrity:**

1. **“May integrity and uprightness protect me.”** We live in a society where moral values have been almost diminished to nothing, and everyone does as they please. There is not much fear or reverence for doing what is right. But God’s Word does not work based on season or culture; it applies to all people at all times. King David prayed for the Lord to help him to resist compromising his integrity, for any reason. We ought to do the same, for the sake of Christ.
2. **“Because my hope is in you.”** David relied on the Lord for everything; in order for him to keep his ways right and uphold his integrity in righteousness, he asks the Lord to help him do so. This means we too need to approach the throne of God, to guide and protect us from the wickedness that we are surrounded by; not allowing the corruption of the world destroy the moral character we have in Christ.