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**11:00 a.m. October 8, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#88 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

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

Dear Lord, we come before you with a heart of gratitude. Thank you for your Holy Spirit and Your Word that make us complete, not lacking anything. For it is your Spirit and your Word that fill us with your love, wisdom, and power to live fruitful lives, and bring honor to your holy name. We pray that your Spirit and Word will continue to refine us and empower us to conquer all sin. May your Spirit and Word enable us to share the gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ, to all people, by loving them and serving them.  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:** *Bible Sunday*

**PASTOR:** Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have revealed Your continual love to humankind through the Bible.

**PEOPLE:** **We thank you, Lord, for the faithful service of those followers who wrote the original manuscripts of the Bible, directed by the Holy Spirit.**

**PASTOR:** We thank You Lord, for the tireless efforts of those who copied the Holy Book by hand, verse by verse and page by page.

**PEOPLE: We thank You, Lord, for the tedious labor of those who translated the words into different languages.**

**PASTOR:** We thank You, Lord, for the scholarly devotion of those teachers who seek to interpret the biblical truths for our use, in life today.

**PEOPLE:** **Grant that we may hear, read, and learn these truths for our spiritual edification.**

**PASTOR:** Help us to commit ourselves to study Your Word that we may grow in the likeness of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE: Redirect our lives that we may find the truth you intended for us to learn.**

**UNISON: O Lord, grant that by the inspiration of Your Holy Word, we may find strength for living and eternal hope for dying; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#15 “Thy Word”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Hebrews 4:12-13 (p. 1866)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Power of God’s Word**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *2 Timothy 1:7 (pp. 1852-1853)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Power of the Holy Spirit**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th** we welcome special guests from the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA), Rev. Ron Tomvassian, who will deliver the English Sermon, and Rev. Hendirk Shahnazarian, who will deliver the Armenian Sermon.

**NEW BI-WEEKLY THURSDAY**  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 with Hasmik Arslanian after the Morning Worship Service. Study guide book is $10.

**PASTOR HAGOP HAROUTUNIAN’S ORDINATION** will be held next 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 and/or bring something, please sign up with Hasmik Arslanian in the Social Hall after the Morning Worship Service.

**ACC** is looking for volunteers to set up or cleanup for Coffee Hour**.** If you are interested in helping, please sign up after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall.

**MONDAY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP** is held every Monday via zoom at 6:30p.m.

**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](mailto:Office@accdetroit.org).

**Matthew 7:24-27**

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

God’s Spirit, who dwells in us, wants to transform our lives into the image and character of Christ, so that we can love and serve Him and His people. It’s an everyday process of self-discipline to help us grow mature and become strong in Christ.

**Here are some points about the Spirit of God:**

1. **“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid.”** As believers, we are blessed to be anointed by the Spirit of the living God, who can do more than we can ever ask or imagine. There is no reason to be afraid of anything, because God’s Spirit is so powerful. He wants to fill our hearts and minds with His presence. He assures us that nothing in this life can overpower us because He is with us, always.
2. **“Gives us power, love, and self-discipline.”** The reason we do not need to be afraid of anything is because God’s Spirit gives us power, love, and self-discipline, so that we can conquer any obstacle we may be facing, in our life. We need God’s power and love, in order to live a life of victory, not defeat. This can only happen if we fully submit our lives to God.