**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. March 17, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#14 “We Worship You, God”*

*(vs. 1-2 in English, vs. 4 in Armenian)*

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

Lord God of heaven and earth, we come to you together as your church to worship you, for you are most worthy of our praise. We thank you that you love us unconditionally, even when we fail and sin. We ask that you strengthen our spirit to live a victorious life of faith. Help us not live in fear; rather, teach us to conquer over fear and sin by the power of your Spirit and your Word. We put our full trust in you to help us love and forgive one another, from our heart. 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:** *Psalm 130*

**PASTOR:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

**PEOPLE:** **O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

**PASTOR:** If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**PEOPLE: But with you, there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

**PASTOR:** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

**PEOPLE: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning; indeed, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

**PASTOR:** O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

**UNISON:** He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#36 “How Great Is Our God”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *John 18:1-14 (p. 1681)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Doing God’s Will in Hard Times**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *John 18:15-27 (p. 1682)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Remaining Faithful Under Pressure**

**\*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.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for the weekly Monday Prayer, via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 24TH IS PALM SUNDAY** the commemoration of our Lord’s Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** ison Thursday, March 28th, at 6:00p.m. We will remember our Lord’s last hours on earth, through a special worship service, that will include special music by the ACC Choir, and celebration of the Lord’s Table, followed by a light reception in the Social Hall. Please see Margarita, after the Morning Worship Service to sign-up.

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST** we invite all our members and friends to the Easter Morning Worship Service.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be held on Easter Sunday, March 31st, 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. Arranged and served by the Young Adults of ACC, led by Hovig Seferian Koehler, free will donation. Please see Margarita, after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall to sign-up.

**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.

**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).

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Peter was under pressure, when asked if he belonged to Jesus. His response is no different than most of us when we are put to the test for our faith. Fear is one of our worst enemies. When we learn to conquer fear, a lot of our worries, anxiety, and stress decrease, or are eliminated, altogether.

**Here are some points about overcoming fear:**

1. **“You aren’t one of this man’s disciples too, are you?”** she asked Peter. People around the world observe Christians to see their genuine commitment to Jesus. Peter, filled with fear, could not admit that he was a follower and a disciple of Jesus. Although he had made some big claims of how he was ready to die for Jesus, here he stands as a coward, not able to answer, even to a servant girl, that He belonged to Jesus. Just earlier, he cut off the ear of the high priest servant, but now when he was all alone, could not make the same claim. We, however, are never alone. We have nothing to fear.

2**. Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?” He denied it, saying, “I am not.”** Simon had a second chance to change his response, when asked about his relationship with Jesus, but once again, he denied belonging to Jesus. And then a third time, and again he would deny it. Peter had once asked Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother, if he sins against him; Jesus had told him seventy times seven. No matter how many times we sin, we can always go to God to forgive us. Jesus forgave Peter and restored Him to become one of the most dominant Christians that ever lived.

**EASTER FLOWERS** Forthose wishing to arrange for an Easter flower to place in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please email Souzanne at [Office@accdetroit.org](about:blank), or submit the form below, no later than Friday, March 22nd.

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