



ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – “How Great Thou Art”

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Dear Lord, we lift our voices to you this morning to praise you and give you thanks to your great name, the name of above all names. We are so honored to be called your children. We are forever blessed by the abundant love you have for us. We pray that you continue to help us to build a character that reflects that of Christ. We pray that you fill us with the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. May our lives reflect the glory of Jesus in all that we do and say. Help us love you with all of our heart and love our neighbor as our selves. We give you all the honor and praise, who taught us to pray, “Our Father...”

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – “Come, now is the time to worship”

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:1-5 | 2 Timothy 4: 3-6

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SERMON: Having the Form of godliness but denying its power | *Being Rooted and Established on Sound Doctrine*

BENEDICTION

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

Paul warns us that in the last days people will only want to hear what their “itching ears” want to hear. Neglecting the truth of the word of God and going about what we feel is good and right is a dangerous way of living. Proverbs 14:12 says, “there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

Here are three focal points that show us that sound doctrine is the way of life:

1. We are cautioned to avoid following our own sinful nature: The Bible warns us that in the last days people will want to hear what pleases them. This is dangerous because our path leads to death, but if we follow the footsteps of Jesus, we will find the truth and the fountain of life.

2. Building our faith on sound doctrine: Yes, there is absolute truth that we can live by, which is only found in Christ Jesus. Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17, “now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. Jesus Christ is the truth of God.

3. Choosing the Narrow Path: Paul tells Timothy to endure hardship for the truth of the gospel. We need to cherish and hold fast to what has been given to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have received the free gift of eternal life and we need to stay in the truth of Christ and not give in to false teachings.