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**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**MORNING SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. June 26, 2022

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN*:*** *#311 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

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

Reform us all, always, our Father, correct us where we are wrong, redirect us when we go astray, change us where we are flawed, renew us when we falter. In the same way, reform marriages, families, homes, communities, institutions, nations, and all churches, beginning with the churches which began at the Reformation. We are all Yours, remake us, for Jesus’ sake, 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 CONFESSION AND LITANY OF INTERCESSION:**

**PASTOR:** It was not just our fathers in faith who needed your attention, O God,

**PEOPLE: We too, get lost and need redirection, get weak and need strengthening.**

**PASTOR:** And, it was not just our fathers in the faith who could be reformed and sponsor a reformation, our Father.

**PEOPLE: We too, in your hands and by your will, can be remade and can be your agents in the reforming of whatever needs changing.**

**PASTOR:** Forgive us our part in the problems of the day, from lack of faith in Your Word, we pray.

**PEOPLE: Set us free, O Lord.**

**PASTOR:** From fears that cripple our service of you, we pray.

**PEOPLE:** **Set us free, O Lord.**

**PASTOR:** From prejudice, judgements, envy, and other sins against our

neighbor, we pray.

**PEOPLE: Set us free, O Lord.**

 **PASTOR:** From laziness and lethargy in living the gospel message, we pray,

**PEOPLE: Set us free, O Lord.**

**PASTOR:** From our own lack of joy in living each day, we pray,

**PEOPLE: Set us free, O Lord.**

**PASTOR:** From gripping and grumbling and other gloomy words, we pray,

**PEOPLE: Set us free, O Lord.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM:**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG***: #401 “Faith of Our Fathers” (vss. 1, 4)*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *II Timothy 3:14-16 (p. 1855)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Learning to Read the Bible Properly**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *I Timothy 4:11-13 (p. 1848)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Principles of Armenian Evangelical Church**

**\*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.

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT** Our Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian. Our Pastor is in Philadelphia attending AEUNA’s Biennial General Assembly.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will be held every other Saturday. Next study is Saturday, June 25th at 10:30 a.m. led by Mrs. Lena Bouladian.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The main principles of the Armenian Evangelical Church were the following:

1. **Justification by faith alone.** Justification is the act whereby God, in virtue of the sacrifice of Christ, acquits people of the punishment due to their sin. Good deeds are not effective to get sinners right with God. Justification comes from God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is a free gift of God’s grace. Good deeds are a token of our gratitude to God. They don’t guarantee our “ticket” to heaven.
2. **Priesthood of all believers.** All believers have the right of direct access to God on their own behalf, without a priestly intermediary. They can confess their sins to God and make their own commitment to Him. They are all priests under Christ, who is “The High Priest” and the Head of the Church. Christians are called to be priests to one another, they have duty to pray for, care for, and give guidance to others.
3. **The liberty of Christian individuals.** It is the affirmation that Christians have the right to think their own thoughts, to make their own decisions, and to be their own persons. They are free from legalistic life. Freedom, however, does not mean to do anything under the sun, but freedom to follow the biblical injunction, “Through love to be servants of one another” (Gal. 5:13). This kind of freedom is to live a life of concern for others.
4. **The ultimate authority of the Bible.** The Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice for the Church and Christians. It reveals God in a way which will not be superseded. Christians have the right and privilege to direct access to the Bible to read and interpret it.