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**11:00 a.m. March 5, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#177 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*

*(vs. 1, 3 English, vs. 4 Armenian)*

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence with thirst and hunger, seeking your glory and blessing in our lives. We want to see your presence fill our lives so that we can live a life of victory over sin. We want to see you do extraordinary things in our lives and in the lives of all those you have created. May your great glory be revealed to the ends of the earth so that all people will fear you and praise you for your unfailing love. 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.*

**RESPONSIVE READING: *Psalm 121***

**PASTOR:** I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

**PEOPLE:** **My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

**PASTOR:** He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber.

**PEOPLE: Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**PEOPLE: The sun will not harm you by day or the moon by night.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life.

**UNISON: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#9 “Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord”*

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

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *2 Corinthians 6:3-10 (pp. 1799-1800)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Preparing to Serve in The Kingdom of God**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Psalm 63:1-8 (p. 899)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Seeking God Earnestly**

**\*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 Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, Ukraine, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

**WOMEN'S BI-WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY** will be held Saturday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m. in person and online via Zoom app.

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
2. **Wednesday Bi-Weekly Bible Study** 6:30 p.m. Next study will be held on Wednesday, March 8th, in person and online via Zoom app.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 11, before retiring to bed. Remember Spring forward! Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 12.

**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**

There was a time when David ran away into the desert while Saul persecuted him and sought to take his life. This may have been the reason why David says he seeks God in a dry land. We all have had a season of dry land in our lives, David shows us how we can put our full trust in Him in times as these.

**Here are some points in seeking God:**

**1. “You, God, my God, earnestly I seek you.”** This was the cry of the king when he was being persecuted by Saul. David could not turn to anyone else except the one and only God who had rescued him over and over again from the hand of Saul. We may have enemies and difficult things in our lives; God is here to help us overcome them.

**2. “Your love is better than life**.” Only when we personally experience God’s inner love in our lives, it enables us to make such claim as David. In the midst of all the chaos we live in, God’s love never changes. He continues to show us His love in so many ways while we may be going through some hardship. His faithful and enduring love will guide us through this life no matter which way we turn.

**INFORMATION**

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I have recently moved into this area I have moved, new address:

I am interested in membership I wish to be on the mailing list

I would appreciate a visit from the minister This person is sick

Requesting prayer for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Need Counseling