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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** - #22 *“Safely Through Another Week”*

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian transliteration:

Yérp Vor Kéz Pah-rah-pah-nénk,

Dour Vor Kéz Nérgah Jahnch-nahnk Yév Koo

Pahrkut Ménk Désnénk, YérpMég Dégh Dah-jah-rét Gookank

Jah-shah-kél Dour, Dehr, Mézi Seghah-nén Kou Dérooni.

Jahshakél Dour, Déhr, Mezi Koo Séghah-nen Koo Deh-roo-ne.

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

 We are thankful, Father, that we are one in Christ; that we can share with all believers everywhere the treasures of the Gospel; that we have one faith, one hope, one baptism, one God and Father for us all. Help us today to express that unity with all who are here and with all who are Yours around the world. In Jesus’ name, Who taught us to pray:

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**RESPONSIVE READING AND MORNING PRAYER:**

**PASTOR:** God is not the exclusive property of a particular race, people, or religion.

**PEOPLE: HE IS THE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL WHO SEEK AND SERVE HIM.**

**PASTOR:** We easily forget the radical meaning of Christianity. Christ was sent to save the world.

**PEOPLE: CHRIST DID NOT COME TO CREATE AN ENCLAVE OF PIOUS FOLLOERS. HE CAME TO BRING ALL HUMANKIND TOGETHER IN ONE FAMILY OF GOD.**

**PASTOR:** Let us pray for the unity in the Church and in the world. We pray, O God, that differences in race would cease to matter because of our unity in Your family.

**PEOPLE: WE PRAY, O GOD, THAT DIFFERENCES IN CLASS WOULD NOT DIVIDE US BECAUSE OF OUR UNITY IN YOUR FAMILY.**

**PASTOR:** We pray, O Lord, that differences in gender would not trouble us because of our unity in Your family.

**PEOPLE: WE PRAY, O LORD, THAT DIFFERENCES IN POLITICS WOULD NOT POLARIZE US BECAUSE OF OUR UNITY IN YOUR FAMILY.**

**PASTOR:** We pray, Our Heavenly Father, that differences in creed and theology would not separate us because of our unity in Your family.

**PEOPLE: WE PRAY, O LORD, THAT DIFFERENCES IN TEMPERAMENT WOULD NOT ALIENATE US BECAUSE OF UNITY IN YOUR FAMILY.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** Mrs. Sheryl Marburger

*I Kings 19:1-9 (p.559)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** ***Keeping Stress From Becoming Distress***

**\*HYMN** #181 *“My Faith Looks Up” (vs. 1,2,3)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** Dr. Taline Hagopian

*Matthew 6:25-34 (p.1505)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** ***How To Handle Worry***

**\*HAYR MER #275**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**: *“Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer”*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\*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 to make this your church home.

**TODAY’S Scripture Readings are:** Mrs. Sheryl Marburger and Dr. Taline Hagopian.

**THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS:** Will be held on Sunday, September 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**ALL FUNDS FOR ARMENIA FESTIVAL WILL BE USED FOR OUR CHURCH:** We will have a booth at Armenia Fest 17 on Saturday, August 23rd, and will be selling baked goods. If you would like to bake something for this event, please see Ann Zartarian after Church. You can make a financial donation. Please make your check payable to: **ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, and in the memo write: **ARMENIA FEST**. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon**

 Worry is one of the most destructive forces in life. It is an enemy within, which is not visible. Everyone knows the symptoms of the chronic worries: a constant feeling of fatigue, attention-wandering, irritability, pessimism, insomnia, general agitation and depression. Jesus taught us the following about worry:

1. **Worry does not accomplish anything.** Worry does not increase the length and quality of life; if anything, it decreases both. It is the greatest underminer of mental and physical health.
2. **Instead of facing the future with worry, we must face it with faith in God.** The antidote to worry is faith. In this world, we have a Heavenly Father, Who is with us all the way. He has promised to sustain us in the midst of trouble.
3. **Jesus affirms a method for meeting our worries: to live one day at a time**. Live one day at a time and take one step at a time! Tomorrow has not arrived. The only day we can possibly live is today. We cannot live in the past, nor can we pre-live the future.

 While in this world, we cannot completely solve the problem of worry. We can learn to handle it, though, instead of allowing it to handle us.