**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** - #413 *“Blessed Assurance”*

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

 Almighty God, as we gather in this time of worship, let us share in the power of Your Holy Spirit. And by this power, fill our faith with goodness; our goodness with knowledge; our knowledge with godliness; our godliness with kindness; and our kindness with love. Through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**MORNING MEDITATION AND PRAYER:**

**LEADER:** No promise can be proved true, except in the living. A promise binds the future, which does not yet exist; so there can be no proof of a promise.

**PEOPLE: We must make promises on faith and take promises on trust. We must have faith in ourselves to make good on our promises.**

**LEADER:** We must have trust in the strength of the other, who makes us a promise.

**PEOPLE: We have our citizenship in heaven, which means that we must live on the promises of our faith, through the unpromising times of life in this world.**

**LEADER:** Making and taking promises have a way of shaping the future. We help create the future through the promise we make and take. Let us pray for the courage to accept the promises of God in unpromising times. *Our Heavenly Father, we pray that we might trust Your promise of health, in a time of serious illness*.

**PEOPLE: Our Heavenly Father, we pray that we might trust Your promise of prosperity, in a time of financial hardship.**

**LEADER:** Gracious God, we pray that we might trust Your promise of forgiveness, in a time of personal guilt.

**PEOPLE: Gracious God, we pray that we might trust Your promise of victory, in a time of crushing failure.**

**LEADER:** Lord God, we pray that we might trust Your promise of eternal life, in a time of fading life.

**PEOPLE:** **Lord God, we pray that we might trust Your promise of a promised land, in a time of doubt.**

**LEADER:** Our loving Father, help us not to give up on the promises, but use the trying times to build faith and trust in Your word.

**UNISON: We pray these things, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**LEADER’S PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *Philippians 3:7-14 (p.1829)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** ***When is the Right Time?***

**\*HYMN** #192 *“On a Hill Far Away” (vs.1,2,4)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** *Mark 8:31-34 (p.1567)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** ***Mystery of the Cross***

**\*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 TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING, LIFETIME DEACON, MR. DAVID TERZIBASHIAN,** who will be delivering the Morning Worship Service.

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY, REV. VAHAN H. TOOTIKIAN WILL RETURN.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 7:00 P.M.**: Armenian Heritage is sponsoring a Commemorative event on the Holy Translators Feast. Guest speaker is Dr. Ara Sanjian. An afterglow will follow. All are cordially invited.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** We will administer the Sacrament of Communion.