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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** - #3 *“Worship the Lord”*

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

Thé Too Ahnok oo Aghkad és Mi Varanir

Mdnél Ahnor Soorp Kahveetéh Nérkeen

Jesh-mahr-dout-yun, Ké-ghét-sig Séhrn Al Yergnatsir

Khoongn oo Géntroogn Yén Eer Soorp Séghaneen

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

Father, we have come to You in silence; fill us with your Word.

Father, we have come to You immobile; make us leap for joy.

Father, we have come to You in chaos; give us order and Your plan.

Father, we have come to You dumbfounded; let us understand.

In Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray:

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI \*\*\***

**RESPONSIVE READING:** STYLES OF LIFE

**PASTOR:** There are many styles of life. It is unfortunate that the only exercise some people get is:

**PEOPLE: Jumping to conclusions, running down friends, sidestepping duties, dodging issues, passing the buck, pushing their luck.**

**PASTOR:** Another style of life is: if we have a gift, let’s bring it;

**PEOPLE: If we have a song, let’s sing it;**

**PASTOR:** If we have a talent, let’s use it;

**PEOPLE: If we have love, let’s diffuse it;**

**PASTOR:** If we have a kind word, let’s say it;

**PEOPLE: If we have faith, let’s live it.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *Joshua 24:14-17 (p.369)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** ***Decisions, Decisions***

**\*HYMN** #262 *“I Surrender All” (vs.1,4)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** *Isaiah 1:1-4 (p.1059-1060)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** ***Isaiah, the Messianic Prophet***

**\*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.

**COFFEE HOUR AND ALTAR FLOWERS:** are sponsored in memory of Michael and Sue Mousigian’s parents, Mike and Clara Mousigian’s birthdays.

**COFFEE HOUR AND ALTAR FLOWERS:** are sponsored in honor of Siroon Karapetoff’s 100th birthday, by her loving family.

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN**: Women and Men will meet at 10:00am for fellowship and breakfast. Then they will go to their respective Bible Studies at 11:00am. The women’s study is led by Lena Bouladian; the men’s study is led by Ed Bayleran. Women may sign-up today, with Lena in the Social Hall, following the morning worship service.

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH DEACONS MEETING:** will be held at 12:15 p.m., in the Conference Room.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

 Isaiah was one of the major prophets, who lived in the 8th Century B.C. His prophecy began in 759 B.C., when he saw a vision of the Lord seated on a throne, high and lofty. He sensed his sinfulness. Cleansed by a fiery act of purification and commissioned by God, Isaiah began his prophetic ministry.

 His forerunners: Amos emphasized the righteousness of God; and Hosea emphasized the mercy and compassion of God. But for Isaiah, the greatest attribute of God was holiness, and Isaiah insisted that God expects holiness from His people.

 His ministry is characterized in the following messages:

1. **Almighty God is exalted by His justice, and He will show Himself holy by His righteousness. Sinful humans have to repent and demonstrate the fruits of a holy life.**
2. **God calls His people to repentance and faith.** The Israelites had disobeyed God and defied His will. They had to repent and change their life style.
3. **The consequence of sin is judgment.** God would send His people into exile.
4. **Beyond judgment, a righteous remnant will be saved.** A small group of people would survive.
5. **A Messiah was to be raised out of the remnant.** A Savior would be born from a virgin, whose kingdom would be universal. This glorious kingdom is for the entire world.

 Throughout his 60 years of prophetic service, Isaiah was constantly persecuted. Only during the reign of the pious King Hezekiah, was he revered and even appointed as a close counselor to the king.