**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** - #219 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

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

Voh Yérp Bidi Ménk Zine Bashdénk ee Métch Kuntatz Yérgneetz

Anor Yérkénk oo Zine Gochénk, Ahrkah Déhr Aménitz

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

 O Gracious Father, Who through Your love and by Your Son, has worked out the reconciliation of mankind, grant that by following Your commandments and allowing love to motivate us in action, word and deed, we may be united to You and to all Your children, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**RESPONSIVE READING: THE LITANY OF LOVE**

**PASTOR:** We have seen the greatness of God’s love revealed to us through the words and deeds of Jesus Christ. Let us look to His life as an example of how we should express love in our daily life. His life on earth was a witness to the power of God, and His words gave praise to Him for all things.

**PEOPLE: Let us praise God for all His gifts to us, and express our gratefulness through our Christ-like living.**

**PASTOR:** Jesus expressed love for those who had sinned, and treated them as equals, when they repented of their sin.

**PEOPLE: Let us not be critical of those who have fallen, but express our love to them and help them grow in faith.**

**PASTOR:** Jesus indicated that love should motivate our actions with those in need, regardless of their status in life.

**PEOPLE: Let us not forget that all men are brothers to us, and that our love and concern should include them.**

**PASTOR:** Jesus even loved those who hated Him and led Him to the cross, and He asked the Father to forgive them.

**PEOPLE: Let us be willing to forgive all men of their sins against us, no matter how bad they might be.**

**PASTOR:** Jesus died upon the cross, that He might reveal God’s love for us as sinners and as His children.

**PEOPLE: Let us see the potential greatness of all men, and what they can contribute to the Kingdom of God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *Luke 10:38-42 (p.1613)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** ***A Tale of Two Sisters***

**\*HYMN** #246 *“O Savior, Let Me Walk With You” (vs.1,2)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** *I Kings 19:13-15a (p.560)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** ***Elijah, the Man Who Overcame Depression***

**\*HAYR MER #275**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\*Latecomers may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Conference Room.

**CURRENT CLOTHING DRIVE FOR MISSIONS:** Please bring new clothing, or gently used outer clothing, to help Grace Centers of Hope.

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19:** Deacon David Terzibashian will lead our worship service. Rev. Tootikian and Rosette will attend AEWC and AMAA meetings in Glendale, California. They will be back by Sunday, October 26.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

 Elijah was one of the earliest prophets of the northern kingdom of Israel, who lived in 9th Century B.C. His prophetic ministry was mainly during the reign of King Ahab, who was married to Jezebel, a pagan woman. Jezebel became a proverbial synonym for a shameless, immoral woman.

 King Ahab endorsed and promoted Baal worship in Israel. Jezebel organized a campaign against Yahweh-worship and declared war against Hebrew priests and prophets.

 It was apostasy that brought Ahab and Jezebel into confrontation with Elijah. Jezebel personally threatened Elijah. He fled to the wilderness of Sinai, when God strengthened him by a vision and brought him out of his depression. God also gave him courage to go back to his ministry.

 The question came to him, “What are you doing here?” Elijah was then told to go continue his work, for there was still hope and work to be done.

 What are you doing here, is a penetrating question. Sometimes the question has to do with one’s basic purposes in life and values he treasures.

 Elijah, having done everything, found himself in a state of discouragement and self-pity. Elijah, however, was reminded that he was not alone. God is still in business and is concerned. He should trust God. Eventually, Elijah changed his attitude and became a successful steward of God.