



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

August 3, 2024

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, AUGUST 3:

- 9:00 a.m.: **Courtyard Café.** Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages in our Fellowship Hall lobby.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Grace Sabbath School class** with Pastor Leif, both live in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom, meeting ID 818-244-7241. Join in our lively, two-book study: "Your God Is Too Small" (J. B. Phillips) and *Adventist Today's* book "Dear Aunt Sevvv"
- 9:30 a.m.: **The Living Project Support Group** meets weekly in the Council Room. "Telling my story. Listening to your story. Living our story."
- 11:00 a.m.: Worship service with Pastor **Loren Seibold**, executive editor of *Adventist Today*. Next Sabbath, **Aug 10:** Installation and worship service with our **new senior Pastor Uriel Herinirina**. Potluck for everyone after the service.
- 11:00 a.m.: **City Kids Children's Praise with Music**, Room 2.
- 11:15 a.m.: **Tiny Tots** (0-3 years old, together with a guardian) go to Classroom 2; **Godly Play** (4-12 years) go to Classroom 1. Noon pickup.

OPEN TABLE WORSHIP:

- 12:15 p.m.: Informal worship gathering downstairs in the multipurpose room. All are welcome as we share with music, story-telling, and interpersonal connections!



Glendale City Church welcomes people of all backgrounds into our church community. We do not discriminate based on gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, wealth, education, or religious background.

If you are learning to love God and others, you belong here.
God excludes no one. Neither do we.

SATURDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M. (PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

We welcome you as you worship with us online today. Please feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question, want a visit, or need help:

- <https://glendalecitychurch.org>
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- phone 818-244-7241

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”
Ty Woodward, *organ*

George Shearing

Call to Worship

O God of the morning and of the evening hours,
let your Spirit come on us here gathered.

**This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith,
joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name.**

Leif Lind

Hymn of Praise

“Morning Has Broken”

No. 44

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

(Please remain standing for prayer)

Christel McRae

Worship in Song

“Hear My Cry, O God”
Becca Tomasko, *soprano*

César Franck

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

Ruth Counts

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Sermon

“Can Adventists Talk About Politics?”

Loren Seibold

Offertory

“Wayfaring Stranger” *Traditional, arr. Richard Walters*
Becca Tomasko, *soprano*

*(*Deacons will collect the offering as we meditate on the message in music. Please give as you're able — unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense.)*

Closing Hymn

“We Seek Your Kingdom” Tune: NATIONAL HYMN
Lyrics: Noel Robinson, Andy Flannagan, Graham Hunter, 2016

(1) We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere
We long for heaven's demonstration here
Jesus, your light shine bright for all to see
Transform, revive and heal society

(2) Peace, truth and justice reigning everywhere
With us be present in our public square
Fill all who lead with your integrity
Transform, revive and heal society

(3) Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page
Make us again what we were made to be
Transform, revive and heal society

(4) Faithful to govern ever may we be
Selfless in service, loving constantly
In everything may your authority
Transform, revive and heal society

Benediction

Loren Seibold

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”
Ty Woodward, *organ*

David N. Johnson





Getting to Know Your Church Family

Every week, we come to church expecting hot drinks, sweet breads, fruit, and eggs. But who obtains the food? Who boils those eggs? Who whizzes up the fresh smoothies? If you say, "It's the kitchen ladies!"; you are correct. But who are these kitchen ladies?

Please meet five of these ladies:

Lillian Abaro was born and bred in the Philippines. She completed a year of teaching in a public school there when many of her colleagues immigrated to the East Coast of the US. They urged her to consider doing the same. So in 1969 she moved to New York. She smiles now when she remembers how one of these Filipino colleagues then told her, "You don't want to teach here [in the US] because students don't stand up to show respect to their teacher!" It was here in the US that Lillian and Zach married. They

had gone to high school together in the Philippines. Then came two sons. It was her sons who chose GCC, she says. So in 1988 they began attending. The rest is history....

Leonora Blackburn was also born and bred in the Philippines. After completing college at Mountain View College on the large southern island of Mindanao, she went to be a missionary at Palau Mission Academy. It brings chuckles now to her, as she was responsible for not only directing food service, but also serving as librarian, choir director, and Sabbath School superintendent. (Could a college degree prepare anyone for such a work?!) After a few years, she moved to be food service director at Visayan Academy, and after a few more years on to an SDA college in Singapore where she did the same. Then in 1983, she came with a friend to visit the USA. Although she didn't intend to move here, life has a way of going unpredictably. She has remained in the US ever since, working as a caregiver until retirement.

Jackie Haaker was born and has always lived in the LA metro area. She currently works for the state helping people sign up for Covered California (health insurance). If you want to see Jackie's face light up, ask her about running. Although her knees may not let her compete in marathons now, she has participated in the LA Marathon nine times as well as other local runs. She does, however, continue to play tennis. And she thinks about what she might do to attempt another marathon: eat a disciplined diet and do her physical training for three months. Yep, she seems to dream about doing this. Perhaps she needs us to "egg" her on?

Evelyn Poblador also immigrated from the Philippine Islands where she worked as a physician. An adopted "uncle" extended an invite to her and her brother to come explore living in the USA. This uncle expected her brother to accept the invite, but not her. When she arrived at LAX in 1995 without her brother, she met a surprisingly angry uncle. She decided to stay; "I'm stubborn," she says of this decision. After living in the US for about a decade and attending Filipino SDA churches in the area, she became a citizen. Coinciding with becoming a citizen came the decision to make GCC her home church. Professionally, Evelyn and her friends developed a school in Glendale for teaching vocational nurses (LVNs) and nurse assistants. Now in retirement, what brings her pleasure is managing investments (especially with Crypto), spending time with friends, and lots of different "stuff at home."

Cheri (Cherylyn) Watson was born in St Helena Sanitarium—back when it was in the town of Sanitarium, CA. (Now it is named Deer Park). On her third day of life, her family drove down to Loma Linda so that her dad could attend the College of Medical Evangelists. Cheri grew up in Torrance and attended Lynwood Academy. During these years, she helped build the Rolling Hills Church. She remembers digging ditches, painting walls, and doing much to birth that building. For college, she went to Pacific Union College and majored in nursing. During this period, PUC sent its students to Glendale Sanitarium for clinical rotations. Thus, Cheri came to Glendale her second year of college—and never left. After graduation, she stayed on for 46 years! Cheri began attending GCC in 1982 when her son was two.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preaching schedule and announcements:

- **Aug 3** Pastor Loren Seibold, executive editor of *Adventist Today*
- **Aug 10** Welcoming our new senior pastor, Uriel Herinirina! Church potluck

A warm welcome today to our returning speaker and church member, **Pastor Loren Seibold**. He is the executive editor of *Adventist Today* and teacher/pastor of the popular online weekly *Adventist Today* Sabbath Seminar.

A celebration of the life of George Scheideman's sister, **Candace Rae Hadley**, who died June 14, will be held on Saturday, August 31 at 6 p.m. at 1121 W Highland Ave., Redlands.

Noon Concert Aug 7, featuring violinist Jacqueline Suzuki and pianist Brendan White performing works by Mozart, Gianopoulos, Massenet, and Rachmaninoff-Kreisler. Further information at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Please reach out to us. Feel free to reach out to us if you have a prayer concern, an illness, or a life event for us to be aware of. We are here to help whenever we can. Pastor Leif Lind (909-557-5230) or Beth Johnston Taylor, head elder (909-747-8836), Glendale City Church office (818-244-7241).



Potluck and welcome next week to our new senior pastor and his wife, **Uriel and Caitlin Herinirina!**

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