

# GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

*of Seventh-Day Adventists*



*February 15, 2025*

## TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

- *9:00am: Fellowship Hall.* Courtyard Café! Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages.
- *9:30am: Fellowship Hall.* Grace Sabbath School class with Beth Taylor, both in person in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom\*. Join in our lively book study of the Gospels. "On Your Mark: Diverse Approaches to learning from the First Gospel".

*\*meeting id 818-244-7241*

- *9:30am: Council Room.* The Living Project Support Group meets weekly. "Telling my story. Listening to your story. Living our story."
- *11:00am: Sanctuary.* Our Speaker for today: Pastor Uriel Herinirina; our Sabbath Service is also viewable online\*.

*\*<https://youtube.com/c/glendalecitychurch>.*

### *City Kids Programing*

*11:00am*

Classroom 2. City Kids Children's Praise with Music.

*11:15am*

Classroom 2. Tiny Tots (0-4 years old, together with a guardian)

Classroom 1. Children's Sabbath School (5-12 years), 12pm pickup.

- *12:15pm: Downstairs Multipurpose Room.* Open Table Worship is our informal worship gathering downstairs in the multipurpose room. All are welcome as we share with food, 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.

# Preparing

We are invited to reflect before the service begins.

“My people told stories, from Genesis to Revelation, with God’s faithful as the main characters. They knew about Adam and Eve in the Garden, about Moses and the Red Sea. [...] They could tell you about Mary, Jesus, God, and the Devil. If you stood around long enough, you’d hear a song about a blind man seeing, God troubling the water, Ezekiel seeing a wheel, Jesus being crucified and raised from the dead.

And they sang these songs joyfully! You won’t hear a single word of complaint against God, no talk of retribution against their captors—this from people who in our eyes would have every right to complain!

In these songs God is their deliverer, their hope, and their salvation. Their joy rested not in their present circumstances but in the joy that awaited them in Heaven where there would be neither master nor slave—just brothers and sisters in Christ.”

Excerpt from “The Sovereignty of God in Negro Spirituals” by Amber Frederick

# 11:00am: Saturday Worship

*Prelude*

**Jesus Loves Me**

Kemp Smeal, *piano*

*arr. Fred Brock (based on Claire de lune)*

*Call to Worship*

Praise the One who spoke all things into being!  
Let the rivers ripple with joy; let the mountains stomp their feet.  
In quiet peace God created us, colorful, balanced and diverse.

Uriel Herinirina

**We will sing of God's glory; we will shout our joy to the heavens and beyond! Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"**

No. 4

*Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation*

Lyndon Taylor

*Anthem*

**"Worthy To Be Praised"**

Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

*by Byron Smith*

*Prayer of Confession*

Deidre Mumford

*Adapted from the words of Thomas Merton*

**Leader:** Lord Lord God, We do not always know where we are going. We do not always see the road ahead of us. We cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do we really know ourselves, and the fact that we think we are following your will does not mean that we are actually doing so.

When we fool ourselves into certainty in our own rightness,

**All: Remind us of how limited we are, God, how prone to misunderstanding and mislabelling.**

**Leader:** When we favor being right over accepting truth, cheap grace over the long hard road to justice and reconciliation,

**All: Jolt us from our egotism, self-giving God. Help us let go of our defensiveness.**

**Leader:** When the way seems too hard and we nearly succumb to despair,

**All: Surround us with support, sweet Trinity; suffuse us with wisdom and courage.**

**Leader:** Therefore we will trust you always, We will not fear, for you are ever with us, and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.

*Hymn of Meditation*

**"It is Well with My Soul"**

No. 530

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?  
How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and  
my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's  
praise, for he has been good to me.

Anthem

"Praise His Holy Name"

Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

*by Keith Hampton*

Scripture Reading

Luke 9: 12-17

Allan McDonald

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the  
crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to  
lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place."

But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more  
than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people."  
For there were about five thousand men.

And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."  
They did so and had them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish,  
he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples  
to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled, and what was left over was  
gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Homily

"Lessons from the Spirituals"

Uriel Herinirina

*Lesson 2*

**You Hear the Lambs A-Cryin'**

You hear the lambs a cryin'  
Hear the lambs a cryin'  
Hear the lambs a cryin'  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.

Wasn' that an awful shame?  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.  
He hung three hours in mortal pain.  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.

Our Savior spoke these words so sweet:  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.  
Said Peter, if you love me, feed my sheep.  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.

Oh, when I am in agony;  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.  
Oh, when you see me, pity me.  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.

O Lord, I love thee, thou dost know!  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.  
Oh, give me grace to love you more.  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.

You hear the lambs a cryin'  
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Hear the lambs a cryin'  
O shepherd, feed my sheep.

Offertory

**"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"**  
arranged by Moses Hogan

Carrah Stamatakis, *mezzo-soprano*

Closing Hymn

**"Does Jesus Care"**

No. 181

1. Does Jesus care when my heart is pained  
Too deeply for mirth and song;  
As the burdens press, and the cares distress,  
And the way grows weary and long?

Refrain

O yes, He cares; I know He cares!  
His heart is touched with my grief;  
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,  
I know my Savior cares.

2. Does Jesus care when my way is dark  
With a nameless dread and fear?  
As the daylight fades into deep night shades,  
Does He care enough to be near?

3. Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye  
To the dearest on earth to me,  
And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks  
Is it aught to Him? Does He see?

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Postlude

**"March Triumphant"**  
by Gedymin Grubba

Kemp Smeal, organ

Book recommendations for learning more about Spirituals, their meaning, and the religious world they come from:

*"The Spirituals and the Blues"* by James Cone  
*"Deep River and the Negor Spirituals Speak of Life and Death"* by Howard Thurman  
*"Were you there?: Lenten reflections on the Spirituals"* by Luke A. Powery

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GLENDALE, CA 91206

*Free Admission*

## Noon

## Concerts

12:10-12:40 PM



FEBRUARY 19, 2025, *the*  
feature cellist **JONATHAN  
BRENDAN WHITE**  
Rachmaninoff's

*Glendale Noon*  
**FLAKSMAN**  
performing  
*Cello*

*Concerts will*  
and pianist  
**Sergei**  
*Sonata.*

Sergei Rachmaninoff (*Russian, 1873-1943*)  
Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano, Op.19 (1901)

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## Announcements

*A message from Leif Lind! "It's difficult to describe my feelings on Feb. 1, my last "official" date at City Church. Sadness, happiness and love, astonishment at the preparations everyone made for that special day. "Thank you" hardly describes my feelings; Taylor and I will always remember that day as a highlight in our lives. You will remain our friends — God bless you all!"*

- We continue to pray for all who have been affected by the recent tragic wildfires, particularly members whose houses have been destroyed. Free fire-related counseling is available by texting 310-402-4906; a therapist will respond within 30 minutes.  
*\*Housing Assistance: go to <https://211la.org/>. Once there, search for "Emergency Housing Assistance for Wildfire Survivors."*
- The pop-up distribution event for the victims of the fire will take place on **Friday, March 7, from 10:00am to 6:00pm**, and **Saturday, March 8, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm**. If you know anyone who has been affected, please share this information with them so they can receive the support they need. We need volunteers to organize donations on **Thursday, March 6**, if you are able to help, please contact the church office at [610ecalifornia@gmail.com](mailto:610ecalifornia@gmail.com).
- The memorial service for Liz Wenz will be held at our church on March 1 at 9:30am.

### *Preaching Schedule:*

**February 22 – Rebecca Barceló**  
**March 1 – Uriel Herinirina**

### *Church Office Hours:*

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**Wednesdays–Saturdays**  
**9:00am–1:00pm**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
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*Anji Arm*  
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**Wednesdays**  
**12:00pm–5:00pm**

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