

# GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

*of Seventh-Day Adventists*



*March 29, 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 Pastor Uriel Herinirina, 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: Beth Johnston Taylor; our Sabbath Service is also viewable online\*. \*<https://youtube.com/c/glendalecitychurch>.*

### *City Kids Programing*

*11:00am*

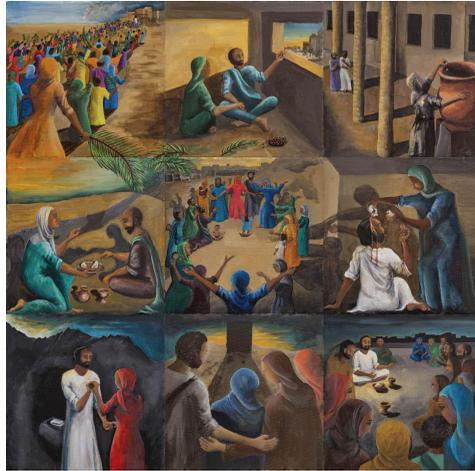
Classroom 2. City Kids Children's Praise with Music.

*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 an informal gathering downstairs in the multipurpose room. All are welcome as we share with food, story-telling, and interpersonal connections!*



*'Women of Holy Week' by Ally Barrett*

## *A Blessing*

*We are invited to reflect on the poetry before service begins.*

May the God of Eve teach you to dance.  
May the God of Hagar bring you comfort in the desert.  
May the God of Miriam bring you companions to you when you struggle.  
May the God of Deborah teach you courage for your battles.  
May the Christ who knew Mary and Martha show you the way of balance.  
May the Christ who healed the bent-over woman heal your pain.  
May the Christ of Mary Magdala send you out to proclaim your story.  
In the name of Christ who is the memory and hope of the future.

by **Niluka Perera**, Sri Lanka

# Worship Service

*Prelude*

**"Sonata I - Allegro moderato e serio"**

*by Felix Mendelssohn*

Kemp Smeal, *organ*

*Call to Worship*

We are called here today, each of us born in miraculous ways. Borne from the womb of creation, we bring our voices together to celebrate all of God's humanity in one collective spirit.

Uriel Herinirina

**We are each a child of God.**

Unlimited to one gender, we seek to lift up those who are struggling, comfort those who are longing, and create community that recognizes us each for our gifts and capabilities.

**We are each a child of God.**

Let us share those gifts in joyful abundance in a community of intention. Let us today lift our voices to celebrate the Women and Girls of our community.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving*

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

No. 565

*Greeting & Prayers of Thanksgiving*

Deidre Mumford

*Adaptation of "Valiant Women" by Cathy O'Keefe*

Leader: Who shall find a valiant woman?

**All: Who shall find a valiant woman?**

Look! We are all around you: in the work rooms of industry, and of every functioning enterprise, unheralded, invisible, some say nonexistent, but we know otherwise.

**All: Who shall find a valiant woman?**

Look! We are all around you: contributing, setting standards, changing the course of history, preparing, supporting, challenging those resentful of our collegial claims and capabilities.

**All: Who shall find a valiant woman?**

Look! We are all around you: Woman of courage, compassionate, patient.

Our number is legion, our gifts diverse, our goal one and the same:

That history hear, that history is cognizant of, that history will one day recall our names.

We honor the women of the Hebrew scriptures,  
Whose courage, persistence, love, and fidelity kept the lineage of faith alive.

We honor the women of Jesus' time  
Who cared for the community of believers;  
Who followed Jesus to Calvary; Who buried Him;  
Who proclaimed Jesus' resurrection  
Who passed the Gospel to their families, friends and strangers;

We honor the valiant women of our own time  
Who nudge us back on track; Who remind us of the promises of Christ'  
Who claim the Gospel for women, too;  
Who preach the reality of wholeness;  
Who strain against a patriarchal church  
Who challenge us to grow!

Living God, today we gather in and among your presence with grateful hearts.  
We thank you for the women in our community and beyond—for their strength, wisdom,  
courage, and care. We praise you for the ways they reflect your image and help bring  
wholeness to our world.  
This we pray in your Name. **Amen**

*Anthem*

**"Andante"**  
*Joseph Edouard Barat*

Joseph Chilopoulos, *trombone*  
Kemp Smeal, *piano*

*Scripture Reading*

**Proverbs 8: 1-11**

Taoshin Yawn

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?  
At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand;  
beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud:  
"To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind.  
You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, set your hearts on it.  
Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right.  
My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness.  
All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse.  
To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found  
knowledge.

*Anthem*

**"Allegro"**  
*Joseph Edouard Barat*

Joseph Chilopoulos, *trombone*  
Kemp Smeal, *piano*

Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

and who meditates on that law day and night.

She is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither—in all that she does, she prospers.

Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be  
blessed.

She walks in beauty, like the night, like a river, steadily becoming.

She does not turn from the stars, but walks where they lead,

her arms bearing the harvest of all she has planted

and all she has yet to sow.

She knows the way is made of wear and wonder.

She knows the road has room for all her stories.

She walks in beauty, and the world begins to unfold beneath her feet.

Hear God say to her:

“You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,

and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,

and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.”

*This reading weaves together adapted texts from Psalm 1:2–3, Proverbs 3:17–18, Isaiah 55:12–13 (NIV), and the poem “She Walks in Beauty” by Jan Richardson.*

*Used with gratitude.*

## *Prayer of Confession*

Uriel Herinirina

*Adapted from Monica Furlong's "Women Included: A book of Services and Prayers".*

Keeper and companion of us all, forgive us:

You call us like Eve, to co-create new worlds,

**But we turn away and backslide into the comfort of our known reality**

You call us like Miriam to dance for freedom,

**But we turn away and glory in how far we have come , forgetting how far our sisters have yet to travel**

You call us like Deborah, to judge our world, to make decisions and offer counsel,

**But we turn away and apologize for our anger and compromise our positions**

You call us like Naomi and Ruth to love each other,

**But we turn away and compete, making enemies of those most like us**

You call us like Mary to be faithful bearers of your word

**But we turn away and believe the myths of our inadequacy**

You call us like Thecla and Phoebe to begin a new kind of church

**But we turn away and accept a place in the system, rationalising things as they are.**

*Women only:*

**As women we do not claim our gifts, we do not face up to your call, we do not appreciate your partnership in creating a new community and a new world**

*Men only:*

**As men we continue to believe it is our right and our responsibility to be in charge of the world, we do not appreciate your partnership in creating a new community and a new world**

*All:*

**Today we repent from our old ways and commit ourselves to new partnerships and to new visions for a different heaven and earth. Amen!**

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'

Then they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!'" For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Homily

**"Weeping for Our Selves"**

Beth Johnston Taylor

Offertory

**"Hymn and Fuguing Tune No.13."**  
by Henry Cowell

Joseph Chilopoulos, *trombone*  
Kemp Smeal, *piano*

Hymn of Response

**"God of the Women"**  
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillett

To the tune of  
"Be Thou My Vision"

1. God of the women who answered your call, Trusting your promises, giving their all, Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth — Give us their courage to live in your truth.
2. God of the women who walked Jesus' Way, Giving their resources, learning to pray, Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more — May we give freely as they did before.
3. God of the women long put to the test, Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed, Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" — In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.
4. God of the women who ran from the tomb, Prayed with the others in that upper room, Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day — May we so gladly proclaim you today.
5. O God of Phoebe and ministers all, May we be joyful in answering your call. Give us the strength of your Spirit so near, that we may share in your ministry here.

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Postlude

**"Sonata I - Allegro assai vivace"**  
by Felix Mendelssohn

Kemp Smeal, organ

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## *Announcements*

We are saddened to share the recent passing of two beloved members of our community: **Dr. Marguerite Marsh** and **Ken Webber**. At the request of Ken's family, please do not share this news on social media at this time. Details about a celebration of life will be shared as they become available.

Have a car without a meaningful life? Want a tax write off? Glendale City Church has need of a **safe and functional car** for church-related transportation. Please contact Pastor Uriel if you have a car that would be interested in joining the ministry!

**Volunteers Needed for the Music Library!** We could use your help organizing and filing music in our church music library. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please reach out to Clarissa Shan or Pastor Uriel.

**Sunday Lunch program:** Our church is participating in the Sunday Lunch program, offering meals and fellowship to community members in need every Sunday in May, and we need your help! We're looking for: **coordinators, helpers, food providers, paper goods & plasticware, greeters and servers**. If you're able to help in any way, please speak to Anji or Pastor Uriel.

**You're Invited to Josephs Chilopoulos' Classical Trombone Recital!** Join us on Saturday, April 19 at 6:00 PM at the Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall (6200 E. Atherton St., Long Beach, CA 90815; parking in Lot G12). The performance will be followed by a surprise announcement & reception. Come support Joseph and enjoy an evening of great music! **RSVP to Julaine Chilopoulos at (818) 429-5828.**

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