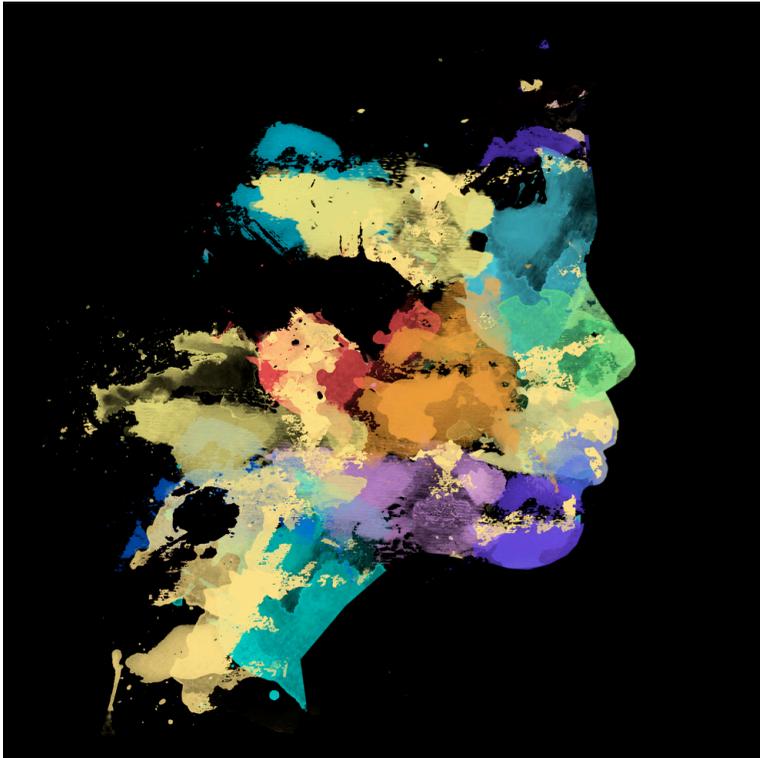




GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



June 14, 2025
Service of Lament & Hope

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here



TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

- 9:00AM (*Fellowship Hall*) - Come & enjoy a light breakfast with us at our Courtyard Café!
- 9:30AM (*Fellowship Hall*) - Grace Sabbath School class with Pastor Rebecca, both in-person and on Zoom.* (*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*) - Worship with speaker Uriel Herinirina. The service can be viewed online at: www.youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:10PM (*Fellowship Hall - this week only.*) Open Table Worship will not be meeting in the usual place this week since they will be joining the Father's Day Potluck.

CITY KIDS PROGRAMMING: (12pm Pickup)

- 11:00AM (*Classroom 2*) - City Kids Children's Praise with music!
- 11:15AM (*Classroom 2*) - Tiny Tots (0-4 y.o.) Attend with guardian.
- 11:15AM (*Classroom 1*) - Children's Sabbath School (5-12 y.o.)

PREPARING

We are invited to reflect.

God took...

the strength of a mountain,

the calm of a quiet sea,

the majesty of a tree,

the warmth of a summer sun,

the generous soul of nature,

the wisdom of the ages,

the power of the eagle's flight,

the joy of a morning in spring,

the faith of a mustard seed,

the patience of eternity,

the depth of a family need,

the comforting arm of night,

to tend a space within the soul,

not graced by any other,

a watchful eye, the guiding hand,

...the sacred name of "Father."

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Be Still My Soul”
arr. Kemp L. Smeal

Kemp Smeal, *piano*

Call to Worship

Doug Schultz

Come, people of God, weary from the week, heavy with headlines,
longing for peace and righteousness.

We come seeking the heart of God.

The God who hears the cries of the oppressed, who shelters the outcast, who walks with
the vulnerable, who forgives the wrongdoer and who invites the hardened heart to
repentance and new life.

We come to worship in Spirit and in truth. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Thy Hand, O God Has Guided”

No. 351

Litany of Thanksgiving

Rebecca Barceló

Holy God, you are our strong tower—a refuge and a very present help in times of need.
We give thanks for your steadfast love that never fails.

Today we praise you for our fathers, grandfathers, and all the men who have guided and
provided for us with love. **Thank you, God, for their strength, care, and sacrifice.**

We give thanks for spiritual fathers—those who have nurtured our faith and walked with
us in Christ. **Thank you, God, for their wisdom, prayer, and example.**

We celebrate faithful men who reflect your image—standing firm in love, leading with
humility, and pointing us to you. **Thank you, God, for how they build up your people.**

Bless and strengthen all men in their calling to serve, protect, and steward the Earth. Fill
them with your Spirit, that they may walk in your grace. **We ask you God, Amen.**

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

Anthem

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” GCC Choir
Arr. Lloyd Larson

WORSHIP SERVICE

Reading 1

Isaiah 58:6–12 (NRSV)

Clarissa Shan

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator^[a] shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Litany of Lament, Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Written and led by
Uriel Herinirina

We come to You, O God, our hearts heavy with grief and unrest. We lament a world where power is used to divide, where laws do not protect all, and policies cannot bear the weight of human complexity. We grieve systems too rigid to hold mercy, and hearts too fearful to make room for one another.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our cry.

Forgive us, Lord—For the silence we often keep when we should speak. For the comfort we guard while others live in fear. For staying nestled within the safety of our own tribes, people like us. For not loving our neighbor like ourselves, and turning away from the chance to know, love, and learn from those unlike us.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our cry.

We confess, O God, that we often see the pain around us as too big to bear—so we shrink back, distract ourselves, or choose what is safe instead of what is difficult but right.

Christ, in Your mercy, forgive us.

But You are the God who sees. You are the God who hears. You are the God who delivers. So stir in us the courage to act justly, the wisdom to face the complexities of our world, and the compassion to let love and mercy lead not just in word, but in deed.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Beloved, hear this good news: God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. To all who turn to Him, God offers grace without measure. In Christ, we are forgiven. Empowered by the Spirit, we are sent to live as people of compassion and courage.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Anthem

"Prayer of St. Francis"
by Allen Pote

GCC Choir

Reading 2

Luke 10:25–37 (NRSV) Debbie Wood–Martinson

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Reading 3

Hebrews 13:1–3 (NRSV)

Mark Azali

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Homily

Uriel Herinirina

Offertory

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"
arr. by Brooks Holmes

Joslyn Sarshad
soprano

Hymn of Response

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"
To the melody of *There is a Wideness*.

No. 356

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Postlude

Rondeau from "Sinfonie de Fanfares"
by Jean-Jospeh Mouret

Kemp Smeal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend we celebrate the dads, grandpas, mentors, and spiritual fathers who've shown up with love, strength, and wisdom in our lives. They've helped shape who we are and we're grateful for their presence and guidance. Happy Father's Day from GCC!



FATHER'S DAY POTLUCK TODAY:

We invite you to join us immediately after the worship service for a special Father's Day potluck in the Fellowship Hall!

Congratulations to Our Amazing Graduates! GCC is proud to celebrate:

- Dr. Vivien Posner Alinsod, M.D., who graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine—way to go, Dr. Vivien!
- Ellee Pasila Posner, who completed her nursing degree at Loma Linda University—cheering you on as you step into the next chapter!
- Yvanna Mausea, who earned her degree in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics from UC San Diego—amazing job, Yvanna!
- Rachelle Mausea, who just graduated from Granada Hills Charter High School—congratulations, Rachelle! Join us in further celebrating our graduates on **Sabbath, June 21**, here at Glendale City Church!



On **Saturday, June 21st at 6:30pm**, GCC will host a special screening of the documentary *Mama Bears* in the chapel. *Mama Bears* follows the stories of Christian mothers who have chosen to advocate for LGBTQ+ inclusion within the context of faith. This film offers a space to build bridges and remind LGBTQ+ individuals and their families that they are deeply loved by God—and by the Church. Join us after the film for reflection and discussion.

STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 21: Uriel Herinirina

June 28: Rebecca Barceló



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