



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH  
of Seventh-day Adventists



June 21, 2025

# 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 Elizabeth Johnston Taylor 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](http://www.youtube.com/glendalecitychurch).
- 12:10AM (*Downstairs Multipurpose Room*) - Open Table Worship is an informal gathering of seekers. All are welcome as we share food, story-telling, and interpersonal connections.

## 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.*

There is some kiss we want  
with our whole lives,  
the touch of Spirit on the body.

Seawater begs the pearl  
to break its shell.

And the lily, how passionately  
it needs some wild Darling!

At night, I open the window  
and ask the moon to come  
and press its face into mine.  
Breathe into me.

Close the language-door,  
and open the love-window.

The moon won't use the door,  
only the window.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Prelude*

**Psalm Prelude, Op. 32, No. 1**  
**Based on Psalm 34:6**  
by Herbert Howells

Kemp Smeal

*Call to Worship*

Rebecca Barceló

Come, Spirit of the Living God, who hovered over the waters at creation and descended like fire upon the early church.

**We come to be moved by your still, small voice.**

Where once human pride built towers to the sky and language became a barrier—  
**Now your Spirit speaks across every tongue and gathers us into a new kind of family.**

You do not erase our differences, but weave them into a tapestry of grace.  
**You mend what was broken, and call us to walk together in love.**

So come, Holy Spirit—wind of heaven, flame of truth, voice of mercy—  
**Fall on us now. Fill this place. Unite our hearts in worship.**

*Opening Hymn*

**All Creatures of Our God and King**

No. 02

*Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation*

Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

*Anthem*

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**  
Arr. by David Schwoebel

GCC Choir  
Guest Conductor  
Charlie Kim

*Graduate Dedication and Prayer*

Pastor Uriel | Pastor Rebecca

*(GCC Elders invited to join on stage for the  
Graduate Prayer section)*

*Anthem*

**“On Eagle’s Wings”**  
Arr. Craig Courtney

GCC Choir  
Guest Conductor  
Charlie Kim

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Scripture Reading*

**Genesis 11:1-9 (NRSV)**

Allan McDonald

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

*Sermon*

**The Blessing of Confusion**

Uriel Herinirina

*Offertory*

**"How Can I Keep From Singing"**  
arr. by Richard Walters

Abdiel Gonzalez  
*Bass-Baritone*

*Hymn of Response*

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

No. 334

*Benediction*

Uriel Herinirina

*Postlude*

**Festival Toccata**  
by Percy E. Fletcher

Kemp Smeal



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Final Sabbath with the Choir:** Today marks our last Sabbath with the choir before they take a well-deserved summer break. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the beauty, joy, and inspiration they've brought to our worship through music so far this year. To our singers, may your summer be restful and refreshing — we can't wait to hear you again in the fall!

**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!
- **Joseph Bryce Chilopoulos**, who graduated on May 19, 2025, from the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach with a B.A. in Music Performance—all the best to you, Joseph!



**Join Us Tonight @ 6:30pm!** GCC will host a special screening of the documentary *Mama Bears* in the GCC 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 with local filmmaker/producer, Patrick Creadon. Hope to see you there!

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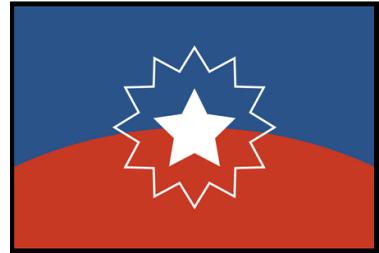
**Thanks to Dawn and Glen!** A big thank you to Dawn Rabello and Glen Christensen for all the ways they help keep our church in good shape! From small fixes to bigger projects, they generously give their time and skills to keep things running — and we're so grateful.



## **VBS at Glendale Adventist Academy (July 14-18):**

GAA is preparing for Vacation Bible School this July and volunteers are needed to help make the event a success! You can also support by donating items from their Amazon wishlist online at: [rb.gy/9c0b97](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/9c0b97). Thank you!

Glendale City Church commemorates **Juneteenth** with gratitude for the God who delivers, liberates, and restores. We honor the resilience, faith, and legacy of our Black brothers and sisters, and lament injustices that still persist. As followers of Christ, we pray for open hearts: to confront the sin of racism and seek the justice and freedom God continues to provide to all. Happy Juneteenth from GCC!



## *Thank you for supporting Glendale City Church!*



**Zelle:** To give one-time, directly to Glendale City Church, scan the QR code to use your Zelle account. Funds are securely managed by financial signer, Sandy Schultz.

**Adventist Giving:** To set up a recurring donation, scan the QR code to choose your donation amount and select "Set Up Recurring Donation" for ongoing financial support.



# STAY CONNECTED

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 28:  
Rebecca Barceló

July 5:  
Elizabeth Johnston Taylor



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