



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



June 28, 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 Rebecca Barceló 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 Rebecca Barceló. The service can be viewed online at:
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

A practice for anxiety

May we breathe in the Love of God,
and exhale the fear that we are too much or not enough.

May we breathe in the Joy of His serendipity,
and exhale the despair that numbs our desire to hope.

May we breathe in the Peace of His abundance,
and exhale the anxiety of our need to control.

May we breathe in the Patience of Christ,
and exhale the urgency to fix, force, or flee.

May we breathe in the Kindness of our Creator,
and exhale the sharp words we almost spoke.

May we breathe in the Generosity of God's grace,
and exhale the fear that there won't be enough.

May we breathe in the Faithfulness of the Spirit,
and exhale our urge to run when it gets hard.

May we breathe in the Gentleness of Jesus,
and exhale the armor we wear to feel strong.

May we breathe in the Strength of Self-Control,
and exhale the pull of every experience that will only
bring us pain.

As we breathe in the Spirit and exhale what
no longer serves us, we are quietly formed by grace.

**May this rhythm stay with us—reminding us
that God is as near as our next breath.**

Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Fireworks Music
Overture
George Fredrick Handel

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

We are part of the Church universal – faithful people of every color, gender, class, sexual orientation, age, and ability, gathered to love and serve God.

We are an Open and Affirming church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table.

There is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Straight!

Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice. May our hearts be open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living, this day and always. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

**There is Room
in God's Great Welcome**

By: Carolyn Winfrey
Gillette

To the Melody of God Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens

There is room in God's great welcome; See! The doors are open wide!
Here on earth as in God's heaven, hear the call to come inside!
There is so much room for difference — men and women, gay and straight.
In God's love, the rooms are countless, but there is no room for hate.

There is room in our good nation if we stand on justice-ground.
God has made a good creation; colors, cultures all abound.
Welcome, sister! Welcome, brother! All those yearning to breathe free!
There is room for one another but no room for bigotry.

There is room for understanding, for the outcast and the poor;
For the Christian, Jew and Muslim — there is room for these and more.
For the people on the fringes, for the ones with long career,
There is room for building bridges, but there is no room for fear.

There is room in faithful churches for the wounded and oppressed:
Women who've been told they're worthless, refugees who feel distressed,
Immigrants who fear the future, people scorned and pushed and shoved.
God, may we seek what you treasure: may we all make room for love.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

Uriel Herinirina

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Zach Abaro

God, who made me in Your image, **teach me to love myself as You love me.**

God, who made me in Your image, **allow me to show that image to the world.**

God, who made me in Your image, **help me to see Your image in all those I meet.**

God, who made me in Your image, **teach me to conserve and protect all Your creation.**

God, who made me in Your image, **bles, protect, and keep me and all Your children safe.**

The One who breathed life into our lungs continues to be present with us. God, who has made us reflective of God's own image, has forgiven us all and made us new creations. Therefore, since our sins are forgiven, let us go forth with love and peace, honoring and upholding the dignity of all we meet, knowing we see reflections of God's image all around. **Thanks be to God.**

Worship in Song

The Prayer

Joslyn Sarshad

by Carole B Sager and David Foster

and Sal Malaki

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-56 (NRSV)

Tom Chatt

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

Matthew 26:50-53 (NRSV)

Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?"

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sermon

Not by Force, but by Fruit

Rebecca Barceló

Offertory

Light of a Million Mornings
by Mark Gersmehl &
Mark Hayes

Joslyn Sarshad
and Sal Malaki

Hymn of Response

“Prince of Peace”

No. 153

Benediction

Rebecca Barceló

Postlude

“Water Music Suite Hornpipe”
by George Fredrick Handel

Kemp Smeal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 12 - Upcoming Church Picnic Social! Join us after church on July 12th for a fun and relaxing picnic at Lower Scholl Canyon Park! We'll be firing up the park barbecues for veggie burgers and tasty sides. All you need to bring is yourself—everything else is on us! Hope to see you there!



July 27 - Church Workbee: Come out on a Sunday evening to help give our church a little extra TLC! We'll start with a complimentary dinner from 5–6pm, then roll up our sleeves from 6–8pm for some light gardening, cleaning, and organizing projects. Thanks for helping us keep our church well-cared for and organized!

July 2 - Noon Concert: Join us for a performance by Calico Winds, a dynamic wind quintet known for bringing vibrant color and texture to chamber music. The program features: Four Sarabandes by Radie Britain, Ouvrage de Dame by Elsa Barraine and Woodland Wind Quintet by Gwyneth Walker.

Calico Winds blends top-tier musicianship with an inviting spirit, performing a wide range of classical repertoire. Based in Los Angeles, they've toured nationally and serve as the ensemble in residence at Glendale Noon Concerts.



STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 5:
Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

July 12:
Rebecca Barceló



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