



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



May 17, 2025
Fifth Sabbath in Easter

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 Uriel, 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!
- 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.

One of the women greeted me.
I love you, she said. She didn't
Know me, but I believed her,
And a terrible new ache
Rolled over in my chest,
Like in a room where the drapes
Have been swept back.
I love you,
I love you.

Wade in the Water

By Tracy K. Smith
for the Geechee Gullah
Ring Shouters

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

"The Church's One Foundation" Kemp Smeal, *organ*
arr. Kemp L Smeal

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

God is the True Vine,
And we are the branches.
Connected to God.
Connected to bear fruit!
Connected to God.
Or we wither away.

We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.
We come to worship God, the source of our life.

Hymn of Praise

"Now Thank We All Our Lord"

No. 559

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

Uriel Herinirina

Anthem

"Call Forth with Song"
By Mary McDonald

GCC Choir

Scripture Readings

Acts 11:1-4; 15-18 (NRSV)

Jonathan Nuñez

1-4: The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story.

15-18: "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "***So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.***"

WORSHIP SERVICE

Anthem

"Declare Your Praise"
by Mary McDonald

GCC Choir

Homily

"Even Them, Lord?"

Rebecca Barceló

Offertory

"A Dream of Paradise"
by Hamilton Gray

Carrah Stamatakis
mezzo-soprano

Closing Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

No. 114

Benediction

Rebecca Barceló

Postlude

"The Solid Rock"
arr. Kemp L Smeal

Kemp Smeal, *organ*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Free Noon Concert:

(May 21 @ 12:10pm) Fiato Quartet won the 2022 Beverly Hills National Auditions and they work as studio musicians in LA, recording music for movies and television.



In addition to the standard quartet repertoire, Fiato has a passion for new music. They have premiered ten new string quartets by local composers. They will be featuring Franz Joseph Haydn's "The Joke" as well as a piece by Florence Price, who was a true pioneer for women and Black composers.



Dr. Jim Walters: Special Guest at GCC (June 7):

We're excited to welcome Dr. Jim Walters to GCC on Sabbath, June 7th! Dr. Walters will be our worship service speaker and will also lead an afternoon seminar on the topic of head and heart religion—exploring the balance between analytical and devotional approaches to faith. A lunch will be provided for all and the afternoon seminar will include opportunities for discussion and reflection.

It's kitten season! Help our local shelters with donations of old towels, newspapers, and unopened pet food or go to the Amazon wishlist at the QR code! Items can also be brought to the church office Wednesday-Saturday from 9am-1pm. All donations are tax-deductible! Thank you!



THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who have been coming out to help us during our May Lunch Program! We have two Sundays left to serve our unhoused community with lunch (10:30am - 1:30pm). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Anji Arm at: office@glendalecitychurch.org.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

Thank you for supporting Glendale City Church. Your generosity helps keep our church open, welcoming, and thriving.

Maintaining a facility like ours is costly, so we're inviting you to partner with us by choosing a monthly giving level to help cover the maintenance of this beautiful church.

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- **Gold Level:** (\$500+/per month): Supports major maintenance and repairs, janitorial service, and water or power bills.
 - **Silver Level:** (\$250-\$499/per month): Covers gas bill, trash services, and technology needs such as our GCC website costs.
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Thank you for helping us keep our church vibrant,
welcoming, and running strong!

STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 17: Rebecca Barceló

May 24: Uriel Herinirina



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