



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

October 28, 2023

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, OCTOBER 28:

- 9:00 a.m.: **Courtyard Café.** Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages in our Fellowship Hall lobby.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Grace Sabbath School class** with Pastor Leif, both live in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom, meeting ID 818-244-7241. Book study: "Do I Stay Christian? — A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" by Brian McLaren.
- 9:30 a.m.: **The Living Project Support Group** meets weekly in the Council Room. "Telling my story. Listening to your story. Living our story."
- 11:00 a.m.: **Sanctuary worship service** with Greg Nelson. Also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. Worship **next Sabbath, Nov 4:** Day of Remembrance and Sanctuary Worship service with Leif Lind.
- 11:00 a.m.: **City Kids Children's Praise**, Room 2. By 11:15 a.m.: • **Tiny Tots** (0-3 years old, together with a parent or guardian) go to Classroom 2; • **Godly Play** (4-12 years) go to Classroom 1. Noon pickup.

OPEN TABLE WORSHIP:

- 12:15 p.m.: **NEW LOCATION:** Informal open-air worship gathering at the kid-friendly picnic table in the church's small parking lot. All are welcome as we share with music, story-telling, and interpersonal connections!

THIS WEEK AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH:

- 7:00 p.m. **Social Jesus Heartgroup** by Herb Montgomery, each Wednesday at <https://Zoom.us/j/8182447241>, discussing Jesus' call to bringing justice and equality to all. Study guide or podcast: <https://RenewedHeartMinistries.com>.

SATURDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M. (PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

We welcome you as you worship with us online today. Please feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question, want a visit, or need help:

- <https://glendalecitychurch.org>
- <https://facebook.com/glendalecitychurch>
- phone 818-244-7241

Prelude

“Suite Gothique:
Introduction—Choral/Prière à Notre-Dame”
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

Léon Boëllmann

Call to Worship

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Leif Lind

— Ps 103

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

No. 227

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

(Please remain standing for prayer)

John Nielsen

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:9-11, *The Message*

Ruth Counts

Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This isn't a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in. If your child asks for bread, do you trick him with sawdust? If he asks for fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate?

As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing. You're at least decent to your own children. So don't you think the God who conceived you in love will be even better?

Sermon

“Learning How to Trust When the Going Gets Rough”

Greg Nelson

Offertory Reflection

“Abide With Me”
Greg Nelson, *piano*

(Deacons will collect the offering as we meditate on the message in music. Please give as you're able — unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense.)

Hymn of Response

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

No. 535

(1) I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only thee;
Trusting thee for full salvation, great and free.

(2) I am trusting thee for pardon; at thy feet I bow;
For thy grace and tender mercy, trusting now.

(3) I am trusting thee to guide me; thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying all my need.

(4) I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus; never let me fall;
I am trusting thee forever, and for all.

Benediction

Greg Nelson

Postlude

“Suite Gothique: Toccata”
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

Léon Boëllmann



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preaching schedule:

- **Nov. 4** Leif Lind, **Day of Remembrance**
- **Nov 11** Greg Nelson

November 4 is our annual Day of Remembrance. Please contact the church office (610ecalifornia@gmail.com or phone 818-244-7241); or inform Pastor Leif if you want to have your loved ones remembered on this annual special day.

Request for special prayer: Abigail, who has been visiting our congregation, is requesting special prayer for her daughter's health.

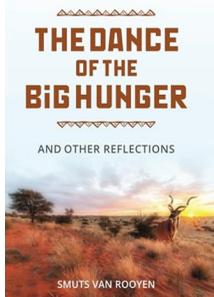
Home care for Anoosh Keshishzade: Long-time church member Anoosh Keshishzade will be leaving the hospital in two weeks, and **will need home care** from then onwards. Initially, she will need 24-hour assistance, but after the first week she will hopefully only require day care. Please contact **her niece, Angel Hovanessian, 818-523-6596**, if you are able to help with this paid position.

Help Us Host "Home Again LA" as we help first-time homeless families get back on their feet! The week of **Oct. 29-Nov. 4** we will be lodging four families in our classrooms as part of HALA's temporary shelter program. We are looking for volunteers to provide a hot supper and a sack breakfast for 12 people each night; as well as seven pairs of chaperones — one male, one female — to sleep on site each night (beds will be provided). If you can help as a chef or as a chaperone one or more nights of this week, please contact our church office (610ecalifornia@gmail.com or 818-244-7241).

Glendale Noon Concert, November 1: This noon concert will feature Maksim Velichkin performing solo piano improvisations. All are welcome to attend this free concert! Further details at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Attractive furnished room for rent in historic Highlands of Pasadena, about 20 minutes from Glendale City Church. Available November 1; call Ken or Zaida Rothstein, 626-460-9904.

Laundry Love Ministry: This service, provided by Vallejo Drive Church, assists those with financial needs by providing funds, soap, dryer sheets for up to 6 regular laundry loads per family. Available monthly, every 3rd Tuesday from 6–8 p.m. at Launderland Laundromat, 1157 N Pacific Ave., Glendale. Contact Doug Warner, 818-935-4317 for further info or referrals. Matthew 25:40



New book by Pastor Smuts van Rooyen: *The Dance of the Big Hunger*, "a collection of essays and poems that cover a range of theological reflections, biblical expositions, pastoral counseling, and personal experiences." Pastor Smuts states that his "desire is that people will hear echoes of the divine voice, not only in the expressions of love and faith herein but also in the anger, depression, and confusion. Maybe the common yearning we all feel will prompt us to let love in and find a way forward together. I hold my face up high in God's refreshing rain." Available on Amazon.

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