



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

October 5, 2024

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, OCTOBER 5:

- 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. Join in our lively, two-book study: "Your God Is Too Small" (J. B. Phillips) and *Adventist Today's* book "Dear Aunt Sevvv"
- 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.: Worship service with Beth Johnston Taylor; also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. Next Sabbath, Oct 12: Worship and communion service with Pastor Uriel. Church potluck to follow.
- 11:00 a.m.: **City Kids Children's Praise with Music**, Room 2.
- 11:15 a.m.: **Tiny Tots** (0-3 years old, together with a guardian) go to Classroom 2; **Godly Play** (4-12 years) go to Classroom 1. Noon pickup.

OPEN TABLE WORSHIP:

- 12:15 p.m.: Informal worship gathering downstairs in the multipurpose room. All are welcome as we share with music, story-telling, and interpersonal connections!

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>
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- phone 818-244-7241

Prelude "Intermezzo, Op.116" *Johannes Brahms*
Kemp Smeal, *piano*

Call to Worship For as high as the heavens are above the earth, *Leif Lind*
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.
"Come, let us worship the Lord" *Ps. 103*

Hymn of Praise "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *No. 21*

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation *Doug Schultz*
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Anthem "Majesty and Glory of Your Name" *arr. Tom Fettke*
Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

Scripture Reading **Luke 15:25-32** *Margery Rich*

Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound."

The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father,

***"Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"**

"My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

** Read with resentment!*

Anthem "Pilgrim's Hymn" Stephen Paulus
Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

Sermon "The Parable of the Prodigal Elder Son: Insights About Envy" Beth Johnston Taylor

Offertory "Grateful" John Bucchino
Charles Lane, *tenor*

(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.)

Closing Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Hymn Tune: WELLESLEY

(1) 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

(2) There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

(3) But we make God's love too narrow by false limits of our own,
And we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

(4) For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

(5) If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word,
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Benediction Beth Johnston Taylor

Choral Benediction "On Eagle's Wings"

Postlude "Fanfare" Nicolas Jacques Lemmens
Kemp Smeal, *organ*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preaching schedule and announcements:

- **Oct 5** Beth Johnston Taylor
- **Oct 12** Uriel Herinirina and communion, potluck
- **Oct 19** Reinder Bruinsma
- **Oct 26** Uriel Herinirina
- **Nov 2** Day of Remembrance

On **November 2** we will be having our **annual Day of Remembrance**, when we pause to remember those we have lost this past year. Please let Pastor Leif 909-557-5230 or the office 818-244-7241 (610ecalifornia@gmail.com) know if you want to have a name included in this year's listing.

Please remember **Gail Murphy's brother, Steve**, in prayer as he is dealing with serious health issues.

We have received late notice that **John Dennison's wife, Vivian**, passed away in April. The couple were well known at Glendale City Church, where John Dennison was the choir director in the 1990s.

Noon Concert, Oct. 16 with Ken Aiso, violin, and Valeria Morgovskaya, piano, playing C. P. E. Bach, Mozart, Albeniz, and De Falla. All are welcome! Further information at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

HALA (Home Again L.A.) needs volunteers for meals and overnight chaperones during the week of **October 20-26**. Contact Cheri Watson or Anji Arm if able to assist.

Help us upgrade our Media Ministry

Our online congregation is **growing**, and we wish to share our exceptional music and liturgy with the many who cannot join our worship in person!

This improvement will ensure clearer sound and a more engaging worship experience both in-person and online.

Please consider donating to this important part of our mission.

Thank you!

