



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

October 7, 2023

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, OCTOBER 7:

- 9:00 a.m.: **Courtyard Café.** Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages in our courtyard.
- 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 Dr. Daniel Chan. Also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. Worship next Sabbath, Oct 14: Sanctuary Worship service and **Communion** with Greg Nelson.
- 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.: Informal worship gathering in the Chapel with music, story-sharing and interpersonal connections. All are welcome!

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

“Carillon”
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

Herbert Murrill

Call to Worship

From God comes the wonder of Creation
We will worship God the Creator
From God comes healing for our brokenness
We will worship God our Redeemer
From God comes the strength to face each new day
We will worship God our Sustainer

Leif Lind

Opening Hymn

“Lord of All Being, Throned Afar”

No. 17

(1) Lord of all being, throned afar, thy glory flames from sun and star;
Center and soul of every sphere, yet to each loving heart how near! [x 2]

(2) Sun of our life, thy quickening ray sheds on our path the glow of day;
Star of our hope, thy softened light cheers the long watches of the night. [x 2]

(3) Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn; our noontide is thy gracious dawn;
Our rainbow arch, thy mercy's sign; all, save the clouds of sin are thine. [x 2]

(4) Lord of all life, below, above, whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Before thy ever-blazing throne we ask no luster of our own. [x 2]

(5) Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kindling hearts that burn for thee;
Till all thy living altars claim one holy light, one heavenly flame! [x 2]

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

(Please remain standing for prayer)

Leif Lind

Anthem

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
Clarissa Shan, *choral director*; Lyndon Taylor, *violin*

arr. Paul Sjolund

Scripture Reading**Isaiah 58:6**

Ken Webber

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?"

Anthem

"I Am Thine, O Lord"
Clarissa Shan, *Choral Director*

*arr. Joan J. Pinkston***Sermon**

"The Church's Biggest Expense"

Danny Chan

Reflection in Song/Offertory

"We Sing to Him"
Ben Lin, *bass*

Henry Purcell, 1688

*We sing to him, whose wisdom form'd the ear, our songs, let him who gave us voices hear;
We joy in God, who is the Spring of mirth, who loves the harmony of Heav'n and Earth;
Our humble sonnets shall that praise rehearse, who is the music of the Universe.
And whilst we sing, we consecrate our art, and offer up with ev'ry tongue a heart;*

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

Hymn of Response

"When the Church of Jesus"

No. 581

(1) When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door,
Lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer:
May our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware
That the world we banish is our Christian care.

(2) If our hearts are lifted where devotion soars
High above this hungry suffering world of ours:
Lest our hymns should drug us to forget its needs,
Forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.

(3) Lest the gifts we offer, money, talents, time,
Serve to salve our conscience to our secret shame:
Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way you give;
Teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.

Benediction

Danny Chan

Choral Benediction

"On Eagle's Wings"

Postlude

"Sinfonia from *Solomon*"
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

George Friedrich Handel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A+ ADVENTIST CHILDREN'S CENTER CLOSSES AFTER 42 YEARS: Conference officials met recently with A+ School leaders, informing them that due to continued low enrollment and the resulting financial challenges, the school will be closing on November 3. While the news is not totally unexpected, we are deeply saddened for Malisa Smith and school staff, as well as for the loss of a mutual relationship with Glendale City Church, spanning four decades.

Our prayers and sincere condolences to **Claudia Dahlsten** after her husband **Robert White** passed away recently. Also our prayers are with **Ron Matusea's family** after his mother, **Non Matusea**, died recently. Her viewing will be Oct. 19, 5–9 p.m. at Forest Lawn Covina Hills; her funeral on Oct. 20, 10 a.m. at the Indonesian American Adventist Church; and the interment the same day at 1:30 p.m., Forest Lawn Covina Hills.

We wish a very **warm welcome** to this morning's speaker, **Pastor Danny Chan**, L.A. Metro Region Director for the Southern California Conference!

Preaching schedule:

- **Oct. 14** Greg Nelson, **Communion**
- **Oct. 21** Greg Nelson
- **Oct. 28** Greg Nelson
- **Nov. 4** Leif Lind, **Day of Remembrance**

Pastoral search committee members include: *Danny Chan (S. C. Conference), Leif Lind (pastor/board chair), Elizabeth Johnston Taylor (head elder), Mark Azali, Ruth Counts, Allan McDonald, Didi Mumford, Mindi Rüb, Doug Schultz, Jerry Wahagheghe.*

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.

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).

Disaster Response Training by Charlene Sargent, Sunday, October 8, 9 a.m. at the Southern California Conference committee room. Registration at 8:30 a.m., fee of \$15. Lunch is provided. To pre-register, email: bhart@scsda.org. (Check to "Southern California Conference" or cash only.)

Glendale Noon Concert, October 18: Internationally recognized oboist Catherine Del Russo will perform solo works by Cyril Plante, Benjamin Britten, and Los Angeles composer Jeremy Gilien. All are welcome to attend this free concert! Further details at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Volunteers for serving lunch, Sunday, Oct. 22: The First Methodist Church in Glendale is looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to help serve lunch at their church on October 22. No food is needed, just volunteers. Their congregation has helped us in the past, so it would be a nice one-time gesture to help them now. Please let Pastor Leif (909-557-5230) know if you can assist — thank you!

A+ Fall Festival/Pasta Dinner with auction, Thursday, Oct 19, 5:45–8:00 p.m. (dinner at 5:45). Tickets: \$10/ adult, \$5/child. A+ is taking donations of **new** items for the auctions; donations will receive a tax letter at the end of the year. Thanks for helping to support our A+ school! (*This event will still take place, even as A+ is closing.*)

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