

## of Seventh-day Adventists



August 16, 2025

# WELCOME We're Glad You're Here

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## 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 Elizabeth Johnston-Taylor 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 Uriel Herinirina. The service can be viewed online at: www.youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:10PM (*Downstairs* Open Table Worship is an informal gathering *Multipurpose Room*) 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

Then a woman said, "Speak to us of Joy and Sorrow." And he answered:

Your joy is your sorrow unmasked.

And the selfsame well from which your laughter rises was oftentimes filled with your tears.

And how else can it be?

The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain. Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was burned in the potter's oven? And is not the lute that soothes your spirit, the very wood that was hollowed with knives?

When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving you joy.

When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.

Some of you say, "Joy is greater than sorrow," and others say, "Nay, sorrow is the greater." But I say unto you, they are inseparable. Together they come, and when one sits alone with you at your board, remember that the other is asleep upon your bed.

Verily you are suspended like scales between your sorrow and your joy.

Only when you are empty are you at standstill and balanced.

When the treasure-keeper lifts you to weigh his gold and his silver, needs must your joy or your sorrow rise or fall.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude

"Amazing Grace" arr. George Shearing

Ty Woodward

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

When we were small, God carried us in gentle arms, teaching us to walk, steadying our steps. Even now, God draws us near with cords of love, as a parent lifts a child to their cheek. We have strayed, chasing shadows and empty promises—yet God's heart is stirred with mercy. The Holy One will not abandon us, but bends low to feed our souls. The voice of the Lord calls like a lion, summoning His children from far away. From the west and from the east, from deserts and seas, we will return to our true home. Let us come to the One whose love is fierce and tender, whose mercy is endless. We will worship the God who will not let us go.

Hymn of Praise

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

No. 02

*Greetings & Prayer of the People* 

Elizabath Johnston-Taylor

Worship in Song

"Nocturne" Milstein-Chopin Lyndon Taylor, *violin*Ty Woodward, *piano* 

Scripture Reading

Debbie Wood-Martinson

#### Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

(Scripture continued)

Hymn of Response

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

"When God Remembers the Cradle" Uriel Herinirina Sermon

"Nobody Knows Lyndon Taylor, violin Offertory the Trouble I've Seen"

Kreisler-Traditional

"Jesus Calls Us"

No. 285

Uriel Herinirina Benediction

"The Strong Tower Postlude" Postlude Ty Woodward

Matthias Nagel

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prayer Walk at Glendale Adventist Academy: Join us this afternoon, August 16, at 2:30 pm as we gather in the cul-de-sac at 700 Kimlin Drive, to walk, reflect, and pray together as a community alongside our GAA teachers. Our hope is to partner with our constituent academy and support our teachers as they





prepare for the school year!

#### Next Potluck-August 23rd:

We hope you'll join us for potluck next Sabbath, August 23rd! To help us have a well-rounded meal, please bring the following according to your last name:

• A–F: Entrées (main dishes)

• G-L: Casseroles

• M–R: Side dishes (breads, vegetables, etc.)

• S-Z: Fresh fruit

Thank you for helping us extend our welcome table to have enough for everyone!

Noon Concert - August 20th: Take a midweek break and treat yourself to beautiful live music! Violist Patrick Marsh, flutist Katherine Marsh, and pianist Brendan White will fill our space with the soaring melodies of James Domine's *Flute Concerto* and *Viola Concerto*. These gifted musicians have performed on world stages, in films and video games, and with top orchestras. Come, relax, and let this half hour of music lift your spirits. (*Patrick and Katherine pictured*.)



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#### STAY CONNECTED

#### PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 23: Uriel Herinirina August 30: Rebecca Barceló









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