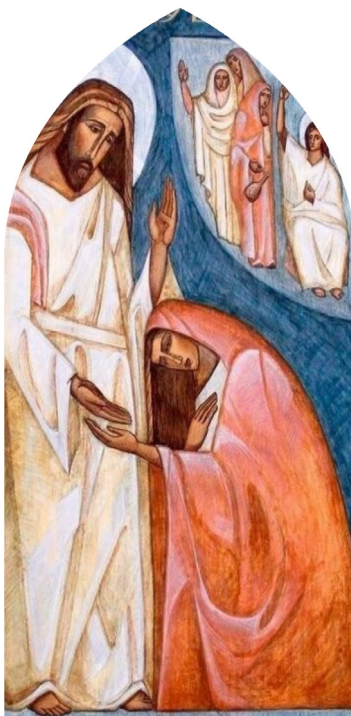


**GLENDALE CITY CHURCH**  
*of Seventh-Day Adventists*



**Easter Sabbath**  
*April 19, 2025*

# WELCOME

## We're Glad You're Here

### TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

- *9:00am: Fellowship Hall.* Courtyard Café! Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages.
- *9:30am: Fellowship Hall.* Grace Sabbath School class with Rebecca Barceló, both in person in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom\*. Join in our lively book study of the Gospels. "On Your Mark: Diverse Approaches to Learning from the First Gospel". \*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.* Easter Service & Communion with speaker Loren Seibold. Our Sabbath Service is also viewable online\*. \*<https://youtube.com/c/glendalecitychurch>.

### *City Kids Programing*

*11:00am*

Classroom 2. City Kids Children's Praise with Music.

*11:15am*

Classroom 2. Tiny Tots (0-4 years old, together with a guardian)

Classroom 1. Children's Sabbath School (5-12 years), 12pm pickup.

- *12:10pm: Downstairs Multipurpose Room.* Open Table will be joining today with everyone in the fellowship hall for the Easter church potluck.

## *Preparing*

*We are invited to reflect.*

It matters not how long he had wandered in the wilderness, how long they had kept him in chains, how long he had helped them and kept himself in his own chains; none of that mattered now.... It mattered only that those kinds of chains were gone and that he had crawled out into the clearing and was able to stand up on his hind legs and look around and appreciate the difference between then and now, even on the awful.. days when the now came dressed as the then.

**Edward P. Jones**, *The Known World*

# Worship Service

*Prelude*

**"Christ Is Alive!"**

*arr. Eleanor Whitsett*

Clarissa Shan, *piano*  
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

*Call to Worship*

Rebecca Barceló

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia. Christ is risen indeed!**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**Alleluia. He turns our sorrow into dancing.**

Come let us worship and celebrate the good news!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen!**

*Hymn of Praise*

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

No. 171

*Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation*

Uriel Herinirina

*Hymn of Praise*

**"Come Proclaim The Victory"**

*by Joseph M. Martin*

GCC Choir  
Noah Gonzales, *trumpet*

*Litany of Confession*

Glenda Mendizabal & Jerry Wahagheghe

**Reader 1:**

Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we meet our own death,  
we meet our own tomb, we meet our own emptiness.

And we remember how we have treated other people—  
members of our family, friends, and neighbors.

**Reader 2:**

Lord, we come to your tomb, we meet a hungry world before us,  
the pain of starving children, the guilt of war on our hands,  
and we know that collectively, we share in those injustices.

**Reader 1:**

Lord, we come to the empty tomb, we search within ourselves,  
and we cannot escape what we are, people caught up in the pain of our own  
wrongdoing, for some a deep sense of loneliness  
and frustration of what we would be but are not.  
Our wounds are deep and look to you for hope.

**Reader 2:**

People of God!

Why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb?  
Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you uncomfortable here?  
Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you,  
he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.  
Christ has risen to forgive us.

**All: Alleluia! Christ has risen to forgive us.**

*Apostles' Creed*

Uriel Herinirina

**All:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, God's holy church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Anthem*

**"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

*arr. Joey Hoelscher*

GCC Choir

Noah Gonzales, *trumpet*

*Scripture Reading*

**1 Corinthians 13:12**

Anthony Tozzi

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but  
then shall I know even as also I am known.

*Homily*

**"Something More"**

Loren Seibold

*Choral Response*

**"Hallelujah Chorus"**

*(Messiah) by G. F. Handel*

GCC Choir

Noah Gonzales, *trumpet*

# *Communion Service*

Communion—Seventh-day Adventists practice open Communion, so all members and guests are invited to participate. The communion bread and juice will be brought to the pews. (Let deacons know if you need a gluten-free wafer.)

## *Litany of Thanksgiving*

Rebecca Barceló

### **Leader:**

The gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the same day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. So we come now to the joyful feast of the Lord.

For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death for us.

By his rising again, he has restored life to us.

Therefore, with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God most holy.

### **People:**

**As we come to your joyful feast, O Lord,  
We lift our hearts to you, and give you thanks.**

## *Breaking the Bread*

Uriel Herinirina

We remember Jesus who took bread in his hands, broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Take, eat, this is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me."

## *Offering the Cup*

Beth Johnston Taylor

We remember Jesus who took the wine cup in his hands and gave thanks for it. He gave it to them and said, "This is the new covenant sealed by my blood. When you drink from it, do this in memory of me. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

## *Congregational Response*

**God of the past and the present, with this bread and wine we remember your Son.**

**We thank you for his life, his death, and resurrection.**

**We look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.**

God of love, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that as we receive this bread and wine we shall by faith receive the body and blood of Christ.

***Congregational Response***

**Called to follow him, help us to reconcile and unite.  
Called to serve, give us hope in our calling.**

*Deacons will distribute the bread and wine.*

*Receiving the Bread*

The Bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

*Receiving the Cup*

The Cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

***Congregational Response***

**Our illusion of self-sufficiency fades here.  
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

*Partaking of the Bread*

Here are bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

*Partaking of the Cup*

May we, who share these gifts, be found in Christ and Christ in us.  
Take, eat and drink.

***Congregational Prayer Response***

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
We who drink his cup bring life to others.  
We whom the Spirit enlightens give light to the world.**

*Hymn of Response*

**"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"**

No. 407

*Benediction (Please be seated after the benediction)*

Uriel Herinirina

*Postlude*

**"Symphony V - Toccata"**

Kemp Smeal, organ

*by Charles M. Widor*



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## *Announcements*

### **Preaching Schedule**

**April 26:** Uriel Herinirina

**May 3:** John Nielsen

There will be a church potluck for everyone after today's service as we continue to celebrate Easter together. You are especially welcome to join us if you are visiting.

The service for longtime member and choir singer, Dr. Marguerite Marsh will be on **May 10 at 3 PM**. If you have a photo of Marguerite, please email it to [610ecalifornia@gmail.com](mailto:610ecalifornia@gmail.com)

**Sunday Lunch program:** Our church is participating in the Sunday Lunch program, offering meals and fellowship to community members in need every Sunday in May. We're looking for: **greeters and servers**. If you're able to help in any way, please speak to Anji or Pastor Uriel.

**Glendale Academy Alumni Weekend – May 3–4:** Join us for Alumni Weekend at Glendale Academy! On Sabbath, May 3, a chorale rehearsal will be held from 8:00 to 9:30 AM in the GAA Auditorium. Alumni choir members are invited to sing with the current chorale, with special direction by former directors Rochelle LaGrone and Dr. Brenda Mohr. Breakfast will follow at 9:00 AM, and the Alumni Program begins at 10:00 AM, featuring music under the direction of Marcus Desir. The weekend continues on Sunday, May 4, with the annual May Festival—a fun-filled day for all ages!.

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