



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

January 20, 2024

**ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, JANUARY 20:**

- 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 Pastor Mark Witas. Also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. **Next Sabbath, January 27:** worship service with Pastor 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:**

- Open Table will not be meeting this week.

**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>
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- phone 818-244-7241

### Prelude

"Gabriel's Oboe" from *The Mission*  
Kemp Smeal, organ

Ennio Morricone

### Call to Worship

Leif Lind

This is what the Lord says — he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,

**"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!**

**Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?**

**I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."**

— Is. 43

### Opening Hymn

"Is This a Day of New Beginnings?"

No. 342

(1) Is this a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone?

(2) How can the seasons of a planet mindlessly spinning round its sun  
With just a human name and number say that some new thing has begun?

(3) Yet thro' the life and death of Jesus, Love's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
Can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.

(4) Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind  
Its disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

(5) Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new!

### Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

*(Please remain standing for prayer)*

Beth Johnston Taylor

### Worship in Song

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"  
Joel Brown, tenor

arr. Hall Johnson

## Call for Offering

Leif Lind

*Please give as you're able — unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense.*

## Offertory

"God Help the Outcasts"

*Stephen Laurence Schwartz/Alan Irwin Menken*

*Joel Brown, tenor*

*I don't know if you can hear me, or if you're even there. I don't know if you will listen to a humble prayer.*

*They tell me I am just an outcast, I shouldn't speak to you ...*

*Still I see your face, and wonder — were you once an outcast too?*

*God help the outcasts, hungry from birth. Show them the mercy they don't find on Earth.*

*The lost and forgotten, they look to you still. God help the outcasts, or nobody will.*

*God help the outcasts, the tattered, the torn, seeking an answer to why they were born.*

*Winds of misfortune have blown them about. You made the outcasts, don't cast them out.*

*The poor and unlucky, the weak and the odd. I thought we all were the children of God.*

## Scripture Reading

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

Ruth Counts

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Sermon

"What Saves Us"

Mark Witas

## Closing song

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

*C. D. Martin, C. H. Gabriel*

*Wendy Witas, solo*

## Benediction

Mark Witas

## Postlude

"Sonata I – Allegro, vivace assai"

*Felix Mendelssohn*

*Kemp Smeal, organ*



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Preaching schedule:

• Jan 20 Mark Witas

• Jan 27 Greg Nelson

We warmly welcome **today's speaker and his wife, Mark and Wendy Witas**. Pastor Mark is the Director of Mission and Spiritual Care for Adventist Health Glendale.



The memorial service for City Church's **former associate pastor, Casey Bahr**, will be held in our church sanctuary **next week, January 27** at 3 p.m. Bahr, together with Pastor Rudy Torres, helped establish the A+ Adventist Preschool in 1981. Light dinner reception immediately following. Please contact Adrienne Bahr at 310-465-9916 or email her at [adriennebahr@gmail.com](mailto:adriennebahr@gmail.com) for more information.

**"Praise Him With Everything"** Worship Concert, today, Jan 20, 5 p.m., Vallejo Drive Church Courtyard.

On **February 7 the Glendale Noon Concert** will feature violinist Sakura Tsai and cellist Stella Cho performing duos by Maurice Ravel and Reinhold Glière. All are welcome to this free concert, <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

The memorial service for longtime church member **Herman Kibble** will be held at the **Altadena Church** (2609 N. Lincoln Ave, Altadena), Sunday, **Feb. 11**, 2024 at 11 a.m. The service will be live-streamed (<https://altadenasdafamily.org/watch>). Interment 11 a.m., Feb. 13 Riverside National Cemetery. Kibble was the first Seventh-day Adventist to serve as head chaplain for an entire U.S. Navy carrier battle group (<https://adventistreview.org/obituary/herman-l-kibble-pioneer-seventh-day-adventist-chaplain-dies-at-92>).



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