



GLENDAL CITY CHURCH  
of Seventh-day Adventists



*Hold Fast: Reflections on Hope*  
(Week 4)

September 27, 2025

# WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here



## 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 Rebecca Barceló 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](http://www.youtube.com/glendalecitychurch).
- 12:10PM (*Multipurpose Room-Downstairs*) - Open Table Worship is an informal gathering 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

O dark, dark, dark,  
amid the blaze of noon,  
Irrecoverably dark,  
total eclipse  
Without all hope of  
day!

O first created beam,  
and thou great Word,  
Let there be light, and  
light was over all;  
Why am I thus  
bereav'd Thy prime  
decree?

The sun to me is dark

And silent as the  
moon.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Prelude*

**Psalm-Prelude**  
**Based on Psalm 34:6 ,Op. 32, No. 1**  
by Herbert Howells

Kemp Smeal

*Call to Worship*

Rebecca Barceló

As we enter this holy space of spiritual communion,  
the shadow of the world's tyranny still lingers in our hearts,

**Lord God, draw near to our burdened hearts as we enter this space.**

We are not prepared to hope until we can lament, fully and thoroughly,  
that we were never made for these evils; that at times, they are more than we can bear.

**Lord God, abide with us in our lament.**  
**We know that each tear is counted; there is no tear that passes you by.**

Guide us now from our silent suffering, into a place of communal expression.

**May we find in each other a safe space to share our lament before God. Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**Only Trust Him**

No. 279

*Greetings & Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

Didi Mumford

O God who bends low, who walks among our shadows,  
**You are no stranger to our tears. You are no visitor to our lament.**

You cradle the sparrow, You clothe the meadow,  
**And still You notice us—our smallest sigh, our quietest prayer.**

We thank You for Your nearness, for Your watchful, tender love.  
**Hear us, Merciful One. Gather our sorrows into Your hands.**

We lift the groaning of the world—lands torn by war, streets cracked by hunger, lives uprooted  
by storm and exile. Relationships uprooted by division.  
**Have mercy, O Christ. Bring healing where we cannot.**

You who pitched Your tent among us—be our shelter, our hope, and our song.  
**Thanks be to God—who is with us, and for us, and within us. Amen.**

*Anthem*

**Abide With Me**  
Arr. Heather Sorrenson & Jesse Becker

GCC Choir  
Matthew Miles  
*Guest Director*



# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Litany of Confession & Assurance of Pardon*

Lyndon Taylor

Bring us back from the edge, O Lord, the edge where our humanity frays.  
We confess the ways we have been swayed by anger, by harsh words, by silence in the face of injustice.

**Forgive us, Lord, for the prejudice that lingers in our hearts, in our words, and in our world.**

Cleanse us from the violence that pulses around us, from the rhetoric that wounds and divides, from the cynicism that clouds our hope.

**Draw us closer to your everlasting light. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, grant us peace.**

Even as we struggle with the bitterness of our age, we know that your love still finds us. Your path of peace remains close by, your Spirit is ever ready to guide us beyond the edge and into your mercy.

(All Together:)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Though we stumble, the Lord draws near. Though we falter, God's mercy will not fail. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Offertory*

**Hear My Cry, O God**  
by César Franck

Rebecca Tomasko  
*Soprano*

*Homily*

Uriel Herinirina

*Anthem*

**Be Still My Soul**  
Arr. Benjamin Harlan

GCC Choir  
Matthew Miles  
*Guest Director*

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Closing Hymn*

**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

No. 522

*Benediction*

Uriel Herinirina

*Choral Benediction*

GCC Choir

*Postlude*

**Postlude - My Hope is Built On Nothing Less**  
arr. Kemp Smeal

Kemp Smeal



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## City Church Lecture Series – Fall Event

Join us Saturday, October 4, for some grilling in the courtyard after church. Then, after lunch, don't miss our fall lecture featuring theologian Moses Estrada on how "Language Constitutes Personal Identity and Orientation," weaving together theological insights and the thoughts of language philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein. Hope to see you there!



## City Church Lecture Series



### Walk with us for the Crop Hunger Walk! (October 26):

GCC is creating a walking team that will take steps to raise funds together in order to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and support programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. If you'd like to join us, please provide your name and your T-shirt size by scanning the adjacent QR Code here:



Make sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events at Glendale City Church! We hope you'll join us!

- **November 1** (Saturday): Remembrance Sabbath
- **November 22** (Saturday): Potluck
- **November 23** (Sunday): Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering
- **December 5** (Friday): Annual Christmas Concert
- **December 20** (Saturday): Potluck
- **January 30 & 31, 2026** (Friday & Saturday):  
GCC 120th Anniversary Celebration

# STAY CONNECTED

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 4:  
Moses Estrada

October 11  
Debbie Wood-Martinson



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