

GLENDALE 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.
- 12:10PM (*Multipurpose* 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

Kemp Smeal

by Herbert Howells

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 MeArr. 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

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Closing Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

No. 522

Benediction Uriel Herinirina

Choral Benediction GCC Choir

Postlude

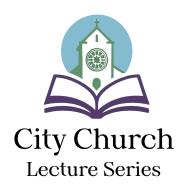
Postlude - My Hope is Built On Nothing Less Kemp Smeal arr. Kemp Smeal



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!





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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