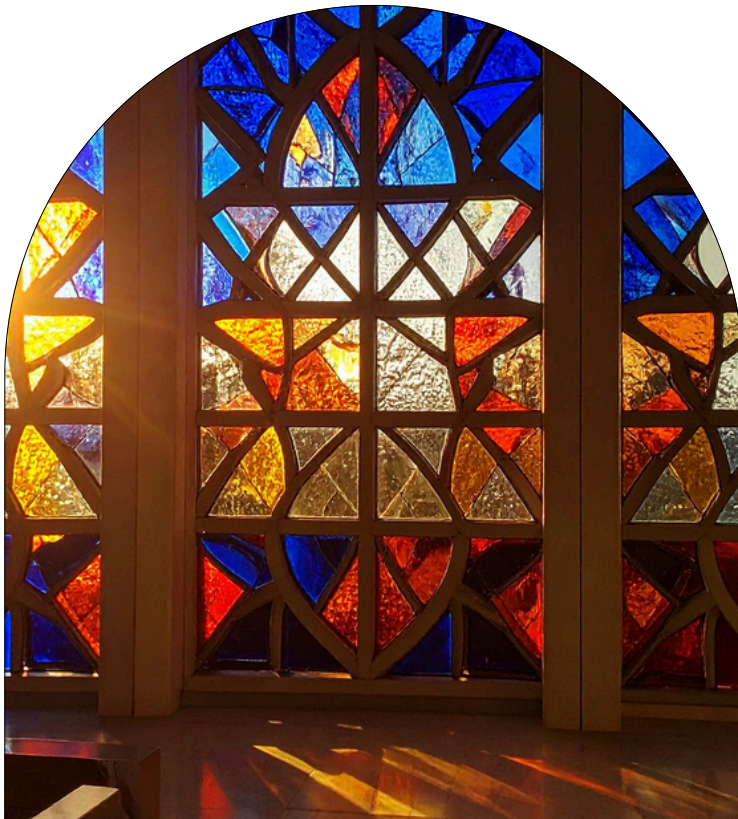




GLENDALE CITY CHURCH  
of Seventh-day Adventists



May 9, 2026

# 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 Bible Study class with Uriel Herinirina 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 Debbie Wood-Martinson. The service can be viewed online at: [youtube.com/glendalecitychurch](https://youtube.com/glendalecitychurch).
- 12:10PM (*Downstairs Multipurpose Room*) - 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

Quiet hands  
soft words at dawn,  
a gentle, guiding hand,  
patient heart waits,  
as roots take firm hold,  
and new flowers stand.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Prelude*

**It Is Well With My Soul**  
arr. Kemp L Smeal

Kemp Smeal, *Piano*

*Call to Worship*

Rebecca Barceló

Dear People of the Way, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith. **God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.**

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus. **God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.**

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality. **God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.**

People of the Way, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life. **We come to listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**My Maker and My King**

No. 15

*Greetings & Prayer of the People*

Uriel Herinirina

*Anthem*

**You Are the Love**  
by Ruth Elaine Schram

GCC Choir

*Litany of Thanksgiving for Mothers*

Lyndon Johnston Taylor

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*(Litany Continued)*

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.  
**Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.  
**Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.  
**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.  
**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.  
**Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.  
**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for step-moms.  
**Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.  
**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.  
**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for moms who have lost children.  
**Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

We pray for mothers whose children have passed.  
**Grant them healing and peace.**

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.  
**Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

We pray for adoptive mothers.  
**Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*(Litany Continued)*

We pray for those considering motherhood.

**Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mothers.

**Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our mothers.

*Anthem*

**Gift of Love**  
*Arr. Hal Hopson*

GCC Choir

*Scripture Reading*

**Ruth 1:6-17**

Leif Lind

Then Naomi started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. **So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.**

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

They said to her, '**No, we will return with you to your people.**' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.'

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*(Scripture Reading Continued)*

**Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.** So she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’

But Ruth said,

**‘Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!**

**Where you go, I will go;**

**where you lodge, I will lodge;**

**your people shall be my people,**

**and your God my God.**

**Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried.**

May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!’

*Sermon*

**Happily Ever After**

Debbie Wood-Martinson

*Offertory*

**St. Ita's Vision from Hermit Songs**  
*by Samuel Barber*

Joslyn Sarshad

*Hymn of Response*

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

No. 100

*Benediction*

Debbie Wood-Martinson

*Choral Benediction*

GCC Choir

*Postlude*

**Water Music Suite - Hornpipe**  
*George Frideric Handel*

Kemp Smeal

# GETTING ACQUAINTED



**Eleanor and Lee Posner**

Eleanor was born in Indonesia and immigrated to the United States in 1982, settling in Glendale with her family. From the moment they arrived, they began attending Glendale City Church, a community she has remained devoted to ever since and where she looks forward to worshipping every Sabbath. After earning her R.N. license at Glendale Community College, she gained experience across a variety of facilities and hospitals, with a primary focus on visiting nursing, before her final staff position at Kaiser Sunset. Even while working full-time, she opened her own assisted living facility in North Hollywood, which she has continued to lead since 2001.

More than a decade ago, Eleanor expanded her reach to the Inland Empire, establishing a hospice business, a home health agency, and several congregate-style homes in Redlands that provide high-quality, 24-hour nursing care. She was the first to introduce this model to the region and is widely recognized as one of its leaders in the field. She has also founded Recoup Care to house homeless individuals, and — extending her compassion internationally — transformed her former home in Indonesia into an orphanage, to which she donates thousands of dollars each year.

Lee was born in Los Angeles and grew up in the West San Fernando Valley. He attended Pierce College before earning his B.A. from UCLA, where he became a passionate basketball fan during the final years of Coach Wooden's legendary tenure. He later earned his MBA from Pepperdine through night classes while working full-time. He built a career in accounting, with his final position as controller for a Burbank-based entertainment company specializing in film and tape storage for major studios, and is now retired.

Lee began attending Glendale City Church after marrying Eleanor in 1995, during the tenure of Pastor Mitch Henson, and officially joined the Adventist faith in 2012 when he was baptized by Pastor Rudy Torres. He currently serves as head of the church's Finance Committee and deeply values the congregation's welcoming and open spirit.

Their two daughters both graduated from Loma Linda University last year — Ellee earned her R.N. and now works alongside Eleanor, while Vivien Lee earned her M.D. and is currently completing her first year of residency at Loma Linda.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Mother's Day Potluck — Today in Fellowship Hall**

Join us today for a special potluck in honor of Mother's Day and Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month! We'll begin at 12:40 pm in the Fellowship Hall — come on in and get settled, and we'll make announcements before we line up for food. If you're able, please bring a vegetarian dish to share, but if you can't, please come anyway — you're welcome just the same! Hope you'll join us!

## **Graduation Sabbath - June 6**

Do you have a graduate this year? We would love to celebrate them! If someone connected to our church family is graduating this month, please share their name with us at: [office@glendalecitychurch.org](mailto:office@glendalecitychurch.org) by May 31 so that we can honor them. Join us on June 6th as we celebrate our graduates together at GCC!

**May Lunch Program:** Volunteers are needed to assist with food preparation, setup, serving, and cleanup for any of the Sundays in May! If you're interested, please contact Cheri Watson at 818-480-2721 or email [cheranurse@att.net](mailto:cheranurse@att.net). **Donations** of paper goods and utensils are also very appreciated. Thank you!



## **Hiking Success!**

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our hike and picnic at Griffith Observatory! We're proud to report that we kept everyone together, in one piece, and injury-free — and those hard-earned sandwiches at the top were absolutely worth it! It was a beautiful day filled with great views, great food, and even greater company. Stay tuned for our next social event!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Southern California Conference invites us to EQUIP26, a free, interactive training experience featuring multiple breakout seminars designed with members in mind, addressing the real needs of local churches. EQUIP26 will feature a rich lineup of breakout seminars led by experienced pastors, ministry directors, and church leaders from across the Southern California Conference.

Sessions are built around the 8 characteristics of healthy churches and cover a wide range of topics, including strategic leadership and organizational culture, conflict resolution and peacemaking, discipleship and Bible study, evangelism and urban mission, stewardship, and the transformative power of prayer.

Ministry-focused workshops are also available for those serving in children's ministry, youth and young adult ministry, and church communications. Whether you're a pastor, lay leader, or dedicated church member, there's something at EQUIP26 for everyone.

The event will be held on Sabbath, May 16, at 3:00 p.m. at Vallejo Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church (300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale). Registration is now live — sign up with the QR code listed here.





# HERITAGE

**MAY 9, 2026 / 6:00PM** SINGERS



*Grace Hill* @ Vallejo Drive Church

300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale, CA 91206

# STAY CONNECTED

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

**May 16:**

Uriel Herinirina

**May 23:**

Uriel Herinirina



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