



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



Hold Fast: Reflections on Hope
(Week 1)

September 6, 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 Elizabeth Johnston Taylor 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 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

God laid upon my back a grievous load,
A heavy cross to bear along the road;
I staggered on, till, lo! one weary day,
An angry lion leaped across my way.
I prayed to God, and swift at His command
The cross became a weapon in my hand;
It slew my raging enemy, and then
It leaped upon my back a cross again!

I faltered many a league, until at length,
Groaning, I fell and found no further strength.
I cried: "O God! I am so weak and lame,"
And swift the cross a winged staff became,
It swept me on until I retrieved my loss,
Then leaped upon my back again a cross.

I reached a desert; on its burning track
I still perceived the cross upon my back.
No shad was there, and in the burning sun
I sank me down and thought my day was done;
But God's grace works many a sweet surprise,
The cross became a tree before mine eyes.
I slept, awoke, and had the strength of ten,
Then felt the cross upon my back again.

And thus through all my days, from that to this,
The cross, my burden, has become my bliss;
Nor shall I ever lay my burden down,
For God shall one day make my cross a crown.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Meditation on “O God Beyond All Praising”
Gustav Holst/David Cherwien

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

We glory in our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Let us give praise to the Lord our God.

We give praise to the Lord our God.

Hymn of Praise

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 362

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

Jerry Wahagheghe

First Reading

Tom Chatt

Philippians 2:6-11

Who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38)

Tom Chatt

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of old.

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

While he slew them they sought him and inquired after God again,

Remembering that God was their rock and the Most High God, their redeemer.

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But they flattered him with their mouths and lied to him with their tongues,

Though their hearts were not steadfast, nor were they faithful to his covenant.

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin and destroyed them not;

Often he turned back his anger and let none of his wrath be roused.

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Anthem

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”
Arr. Larry Shackley

GCC Choir

Second Reading

John 3:13-17

Gail Murphy

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Poet’s Corner

“The Cross”
by William H. Sheppard

Elizabeth Johnston
Taylor

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”
by John Coates Jr.

GCC Choir

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sermon

Uriel Herinirina

Offertory

"In Christ Alone"
Arr. Larry Shackley

Clarissa Shan

Hymn of Response

**"In the Cross of Christ
I Glory"**

No. 237

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Postlude

Toccata on "O God Beyond All Praising"
Gustav Holst/David Cherwien

Kemp Smeal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Potluck Dates: Mark your calendars for the rest of our 2025 potluck dates: Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Nov. 22, and Dec. 20. We hope you'll join us every week, but especially for those! :)



The school year is well underway, and **Glendale Adventist Academy** could use a few helping hands! They're looking for substitute teachers to step in throughout the year and support the students and classrooms. If this sounds like something you—or someone you know—might enjoy, please reach out to Pastor Rebecca and let her know.

Grief Support Opportunities: The following opportunities are designed to offer practical guidance, compassionate support, and connection with others who understand the journey through grief.

- Online Seminar (Hosted by Loma Linda University Church): Friday nights: Join from the comfort of your home. Register online at tinyurl.com/griefseminar.
- Forest Lawn Seminars: In-person seminar on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. (Hollywood Hills). Virtual seminars are also available on Facebook Live: Sept. 24, Oct. 29, and Nov. 19. For more information, call **1-800-2-FOREST**.

Noon Concert Series - On September 17, Glendale Noon Concerts presents the all-cello ensemble **Splntrd Wood** in their program *Songs Without Voices*. This imaginative concert celebrates song and melody across time and culture, reimagining everything from classical opera and jazz to Bollywood, samba, and rock—all without a single word. Crafted to surprise, delight, and inspire, the program invites audiences of all ages into a vibrant, songful journey.



STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

September 13:
Uriel Herinirina

September 20:
Rebecca Barceló



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