



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



April 4, 2026
Easter Service

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 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: youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:40PM
(*Fellowship Hall*) - Open Table Worship will join the rest of the church in potluck this week in the Fellowship Hall at 12:40pm. Hope to see you there!

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



Christ and St. Mary Magdalene at the Tomb | Rembrandt

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Prelude

Fanfare
John Cook

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

This is the day the Lord has made—
We will rejoice and be glad in it!

The light of a new morning breaks forth—
And we rise to meet God with grateful hearts.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Death has been defeated, hope is alive—
And new life is ours in Him!

For the breath in our lungs and the mercy made new—
We give You thanks, O God.

For love stronger than the grave and grace without end—
We praise Your holy name!

Hymn of Praise

Thine is the Glory

No. 171

Greetings & Prayer of the People

Doug Schultz

Anthem

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
arr. Joey Hoelscher

GCC Choir

An Easter Litany of Praise - (by Brother Roger of Taize)

Glenda Mendizabal

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy
For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

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Christ comes through our locked doors, and turns our fear to courage.
For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes to daily life and work, and turns our failure to new vision.
For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope.
For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

If you were not risen,
Lord Christ, to whom would we go
to discover a radiance
of the face of God?

If you were not risen
we would not be together
seeking your communion.
We would not find in your presence
forgiveness,
wellspring of a new beginning.

If you were not risen,
where would we draw the energy
for following you
right to the end of our existence,
for choosing you again and anew?

Anthem

**Come, Proclaim the Victory/
Crown Him With Many Crowns**
arr. by Joseph M. Martin

GCC Choir

(The congregation is invited to stand and sing the final verse with the choir.)

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save!
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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Confession of Faith

Rebecca Barceló

Let us declare our faith together:

We believe in the God of Life, whose breath is in us and whose mercy encircles the creation. We believe in Jesus Christ, who loved us immeasurably and who shared our pain.

He is with us now as he promised, even to the end of the age.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who welcomes us into the household of faith, gives us gifts in abundance, enlivens our hearts with joy,

and urges us into the world to testify without fear to God's justice and grace.

Hoping against hope for the promised realm of peace, we love one another while we live, we honor every creature God has made,

we stand against the powers of sin and death, and we bless the earth and all that fills it.

Glory, thanks, and praise be yours, O Living God, now and forever! Amen.

Offertory

Because He Lives
arr. Jack Schrader

Clarissa Shan

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Sam Guerrero/
Rebecca Barceló

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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(Scripture Reading Continued)

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

**Among the Living -
The Garden, Not the Grave**

Uriel Herinirina

Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus: Messiah Part II

GCC Choir

George Friedrich Handel

(The congregation is invited to stand for this final anthem.)

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Postlude

Symphony V - Toccata
Charles M. Widor

Kemp Smeal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck Today-April 4: Join us for our Easter weekend potluck today at 12:40 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share if you're able, but most importantly, come enjoy the good food and great company!



JUSTICE IS CALLING

Uniting Hearts, Inspiring Action

THE 2026 SUMMIT

April 10-11

PLENARY


Claudia M. Allen


Charles Eaton


Chris Oberg

JustLove Collective Summit – April 10–11: This gathering to reawaken Adventist activism will take place on April 10–11 at La Sierra University in Riverside. The weekend will feature presentations on current social justice initiatives and hands-on workshops: designed to equip and empower you to make a difference. Find out more or purchase tickets for the event at justlovecollective.org./summit.

Workshops Include:

- When Legal Systems Fail
- Not Just Walls: Reimagining Justice Across Every Border
- When Compassion Becomes Action: Taking Homelessness Seriously
- The Reconciled Future: Reimagining Social Impact Through Kingdom Values
- Being Just: Incarnation Ministry
- Cultivating Community, Healing, and Empowerment for Our Queer Siblings and Their Adventist Communities
- Listening and Learning with Indigenous Voices
- Burning Bright, Not Burning Out: The Psychology of Sustainable Activism
- Out of the Echo Chamber: Loving Across the Divide

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120th Anniversary Photo: Anji is still taking orders for anyone who would like a panoramic photo as memorabilia from our 120th Anniversary weekend. If you are interested, contact office@glendalecitychurch.org or call: 818-244-7241.

Sunday Lunch Program – Volunteers Needed: GCC will be providing lunch for our community every Sunday in May as part of the Sunday Lunch Program in Glendale from 12:30–1:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to help make this ministry possible—whether by providing food, assisting with setup, serving, or helping with cleanup afterward. We would also appreciate donations for paper goods and utensils. If you're interested in volunteering or contributing, please contact Cheri Watson at 818-480-2721 or cheranurse@att.net.

Church Directory: To view the directory, go to instantchurchdirectory.com and log in with your email. You can view your photo and/or update your contact information.

If you need assistance or did not receive your introductory email, please contact Mark at media@glendalecitychurch.org or 818-205-5256.

If you would prefer a printed (hard copy) version of the directory, please contact Anji at office@glendalecitychurch.org.



Save the Dates:

May 2 - Church Hike & Picnic!

Join us for a relaxed and refreshing church social as we hike together to Griffith Observatory after the main service. We'll meet at the Boy Scout Trail on Vista del Valle Dr. (near Vermont Ave) and enjoy an easy walk—about a mile—to the Observatory. After the hike, we'll picnic together—food is on us! More details to come. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a great time of community, conversation, and fresh air!



May 9 - Living Hope SDA Church Mother's Day Gala:

On Saturday, May 9, Living Hope SDA Church will be hosting a gala for Mother's Day featuring music, ministry, and a dinner as they honor mothers and uplift families. Churches, groups, and individuals are invited to perform Christ-centered music, spoken word, dance, or drama. For tickets or to perform, contact Sherman Folks at: (323) 609-5912 or at livinghopesdala@gmail.com.

May 17 - Glendale Adventist Academy Constituency Meeting: Glendale Adventist Academy will be hosting their annual constituency meeting on Sunday, May 17, from 5-7 PM. During this session, attendees will receive reports on the school's operations, review and discuss proposed financial plans for major capital improvements, and consider any recommended amendments to the bylaws. The presence of church members is welcomed and appreciated as we gather to support and guide the mission of GAA.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting Glendale City Church. Your generosity helps keep our church open, welcoming, and thriving.

Maintaining a facility like ours is costly, so we're inviting you to partner with us by choosing a monthly giving level to help cover the maintenance of this beautiful church.

- **Gold Level:** (\$500+/per month): Supports major maintenance and repairs, janitorial service, and water or power bills.
- **Silver Level:** (\$250-\$499/per month): Covers gas bill, trash services, and technology needs such as our GCC website costs.
- **Bronze Level:** (\$25-\$249/per month): Helps with property taxes, phone service, copier lease, office supplies, internet and gardening costs.

Scan here to donate:
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Thank you for helping us keep our church vibrant,
welcoming, and running strong!

STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

April 11:

Elizabeth
Johnston Taylor

April 18:

Uriel
Herinirina



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