

GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



August 22, 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 Lyndon 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:
youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:40PM
(GCC Courtyard) - Open Table Worship will join the rest of the church at the Courtyard Cookout this week after the service. 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*) - Children's Sabbath School

PREPARING

God stepped out in space and let
His voice become the first event.
History was not a blind accident;
but a canvas woven by the breath
of the Almighty, turning dark
voids into living, breathing days.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

**O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall
(BWV 622)
J.S. Bach**

Ty Woodward

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

Hear, O People of God—the Lord is calling. Are you listening?
We are here, and we are ready.

Beloved children, who do you say that I am?
You are our rock and our redeemer; our trust is in you.

I created you, I named you, and I have a calling for your life.
With hearts, minds, and souls, we give thanks for your steadfast love.

Hymn of Praise

Under His Wings

No. 529

Greeting and Prayers of the Congregation

Beth Johnston Taylor

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Ruth Counts

Merciful God, we confess that we try to write our own stories. We reach for the pen from your hand, grasping for control and fearing the blank pages of the future. **We write chapters of pride, regret, and hurt.** We try to force outcomes and erase the crosses we are asked to carry. **Forgive us for our unbelief.** Forgive us for doubting your goodness as the Author of our lives. **Help us trust your wisdom and your timing.** Teach us to place the pen back in your hand and trust the story you are writing in us.

Hear the good news: You are not the author of your final chapter. In Christ, your past is redeemed, your present is held, and your future is secure. **God does not discard our story because of the mistakes we have made.** He meets us with grace, transforms what is broken, and continues to write mercy into our lives. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus. **The One who began a good work in us is faithful to carry it through. Amen.**

Offering Call

Lee Posner

WORSHIP SERVICE

Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Carl F. Mueller

Ben Lin

Litany of Thanksgiving

Debbie Wood Martinson

God eternal and righteous One,
Who created the heavens and the earth,
we gather to give you thanks.

**For breath that fills us with your life,
For love that softens our hearts,
For beauty revealed at every turn.**

Christ redeeming and forgiving One,
Who is always faithful and merciful.
We gather to give you thanks,
**For renewal, transforming our lives,
For peace calming the chaos of our souls,
For hope restoring our faith.**

Spirit sustaining, and compassionate One,
Who calls us into relationship with the living God,
We give you thanks,
**For caring when our hearts are aching,
For friends supportive in times of need,
For generosity lavish and overflowing.**

God who created the earth and the heavens,
Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One,
We gather to give you thanks,
**We come with hearts full of gratitude,
For all things good,
We give you thanks for You.**

*New Testament
Scripture Reading*

Romans 12:1-8

Jerry Wahagheghe

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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(Scripture Continued)

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Worship in Song

Balm in Gilead
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Ben Lin

*Old Testament
Scripture Reading*

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Caitlin Herinirina

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh.

But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Scripture Continued)

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Homily

Uriel Herinirina

Hymn of Response

**Blessed Assurance,
Jesus is Mine**

No. 462

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat
J. S. Bach

Ty Woodward



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Arthur "Rudy" Torres

It is with profound sadness that Glendale City Church announces the passing of Arthur "Rudy" Torres, who died peacefully on Sabbath morning, July 18, 2026, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Born in Magdalena, New Mexico, to Max and Shella Torres, Rudy was the eldest of four siblings—Charles, Rachel, and James—and carried a lifelong sense of care and responsibility for his family.

Rudy served as pastor at Glendale City Church from 1981 to 1990, and later returned as interim pastor from 2008 to 2009. Over the course of his ministry, he was known, not just as a pastor, but as a mentor, teacher, and spiritual guide who walked with people through their highest joys and deepest struggles. His faith was something he lived, not just preached.

At the heart of his life was his family. He shared 37 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Linda, and was a devoted father to Alison and father-in-law to Jaime. He took great joy in his grandchildren, Devin and Nathan.

Rudy will be remembered for his strength, humility, and grace, and for a legacy of faith and love that lives on in all who knew him. Rest in peace, Rudy.

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Courtyard Cookout – TODAY!

Join us after the service for a relaxed afternoon of good food and good company! We'll provide the vegetarian hamburgers and hot dogs, and we'd love for you to bring a salad, fruit, or dessert to share—but please come even if you can't bring anything! We'll have plenty of tables, chairs, tents, and shade set up in the courtyard. Hope to see you there!



AMEN Annual Conference – WholeHearted

Has healthcare become routine instead of a calling? The Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) invites Seventh-day Adventist healthcare professionals, pastors, and church members to the WholeHearted Annual Conference, October 29–November 1, 2026, in Rancho Mirage, CA. Through worship, training, and fellowship, discover how God can transform your practice into a ministry and unite healthcare professionals with churches in advancing Christ's healing ministry. Medical and dental student subsidies are available. Register at amensda.org/conference.

Vases Needed for Flower Ministry

We're starting a new ministry to share our church flowers with members, especially those who are homebound, sick, or unable to join us in person. If you have any vases you'd be willing to gift to the church, please consider donating them. We're especially looking for vases around this size. Thank you for helping us share a little beauty and care with our church family!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CODA* MARKET

VENDORS

ANGEL & JESSI (THRIFTS, PLANTS & PRINTS)

CURATED (CAR & SPORTS MEMORABILIA + LIFESTYLE ESSENTIALS)

MY SWEET JOY (SPECIALTY COOKIES & HANDMADE GIFTS)

NONGKONG MATCHA (MATCHA, NA MOCKTAILS)

LOCKED IN (DRINKS & BAKED GOODS)

PASTURES (CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES, FOOTWEAR, "pastures beanies")

LISA THE KNOTTY CROCHETER (CROCHET PLUSHIES)

AUGUST 29

2PM - 6PM

GLENDAL CITY CHURCH
COURTYARD

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

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

Through your generosity, we are able to nurture young people through our City Kids program, offer meaningful weekly worship, support our vibrant music ministry and the concerts we gift to our community, provide various programs for neighbors experiencing food insecurity, extend pastoral care and hospitality, and create opportunities where people can encounter God, discover belonging anew.

Your generosity touches lives every week, both within our church family and throughout our community.

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welcoming, and running strong!

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