



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

of Seventh-day Adventists



August 8, 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 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 Pastor Uriel Herinirina. The service can be viewed online at: youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:30PM (*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*) - Children's Sabbath School

PREPARING

You are allowed to break.
Everything does.
The stars grow tired and fall.
The waves crash against rocks and shores.

Trees fall for both storms and the wind,
leaving behind seeds
and saplings so a version of them can grow again.

Stormclouds part for the rain
and then part again for the sun to come through.
Night must break for day and the day for the night.

The world is made of broken things
piecing themselves back together –
this is what gives us the most resilient stories.

So why do you think that you were built any differently
than the night and the stormclouds?
You know how to put yourself
back together again too, just as well as they do.

Take heart. You have managed to rebuild yourself
a thousand times over from every bad day.
That is no small thing.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring
J. S. Bach

Ty Woodward

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

What have we to fear?

In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

Of whom shall we be afraid?

Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 12

Greeting and Prayers of the Congregation

Rebecca Barceló

Psalm of Thanksgiving (based on Psalm 105)

Beth Johnston Taylor

Give thanks to the Lord. Remember the wonders of old.

We remember the God who is faithful from generation to generation.

When God's people were wanderers and strangers, God sheltered and sustained them.

God was their refuge along the way.

When famine threatened the land, God sent Joseph ahead to prepare the path.

Even in hardship, God was already at work.

When the people cried out from bondage, God raised up Moses and led them toward freedom.

The God who hears our cries still leads us today.

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(Psalm Continued)

By cloud and fire, God guided the journey; with bread from heaven, God fed the hungry;
from the rock, God brought forth living water.

The wilderness became a place of grace.

God brought the people out with joy and led them forward with songs of praise.

We, too, will remember, rejoice, and give thanks. Praise the Lord! Amen.

Worship In Song

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Ben Lin

arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading

Lyndon Johnston Taylor

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sermon

Riding Out the Storm

Uriel Herinirina

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision
arr. by Charlotte Lansberg

Ben Lin

Hymn of Response

I Need Thee Every Hour

No. 483

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

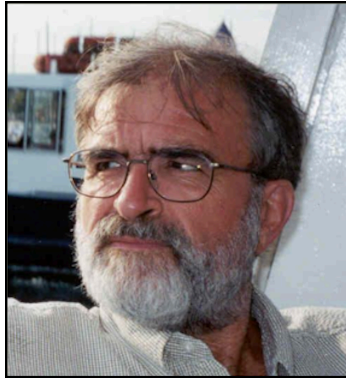
Postlude

Tuba Tune
C. S. Lang

Ty Woodward



ANNOUNCEMENTS



It is with profound sadness that Glendale City Church announces the passing of Dr. Ronald L. Lawson, who died on August 3, 2026, at his home in Loma Linda, California.

A founder of Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International, Ron was an internationally respected sociologist of religion, a longtime leader within the Adventist Forum movement, and a tireless advocate for LGBTQIA+ Seventh-day Adventists. As Kinship's first Church Liaison, he worked faithfully to foster dialogue, understanding, and compassion within the church while helping countless individuals find community, belonging, and hope.

Over more than four decades, Ron conducted approximately 4,500 interviews in nearly 60 countries, producing one of the most extensive studies of global Adventism ever assembled. He also played a pivotal role in exposing the harmful effects of so-called "conversion therapy" programs and dedicated his life to ensuring that future generations of LGBTQIA+ Adventists would encounter greater understanding and support within the church.

Ron will be remembered not only for his extraordinary scholarship, but also for his courage, humility, generosity, and steadfast conviction that every person is worthy of God's love, compassion, and dignity. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his partner, Tyler, and to all whose lives were touched by his friendship and work.

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Courtyard Cookout –

Saturday, August 22 | 12:30 PM

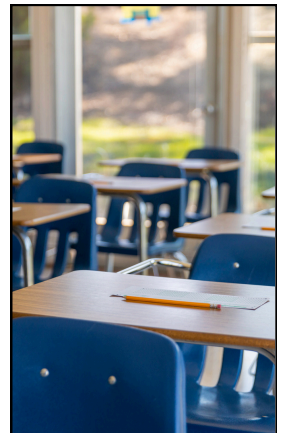
Join us after the service for a relaxed afternoon of good food and good company! We'll provide the vegetarian hamburgers and hot dogs, and we'd love for you to bring a salad, fruit, or dessert to share. We'll have plenty of tables, chairs, tents, and shade set up in the courtyard. Come hungry & bring a friend!



Housing Needed: Reevan Ravi is relocating from Maryland to begin a new position with Adventist Health in Glendale and is looking for a private room to rent. He is a 32-year-old professional and an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If you know of a room for rent or have a recommendation, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Tuition Assistance Fund

Our tithe and offering envelopes include a line item dedicated to subsidizing expenses for qualifying families who enroll their children in local Adventist schools. This collective fund helps make Adventist education more accessible and supports families who desire an Adventist education for their children. If you know a student who could benefit from this assistance and would like to apply for financial aid through our church, please contact us at office@glendalecitychurch.org for more information.



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

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MAKE NEW FRIENDS

*Adventist Singles
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November
3-8, 2026

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Jim Walters

August 22:
Uriel Herinirina



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