

GLENDALE CITY CHURCH of Seventh-day Adventists



October 3, 2026

WELCOME



Today at Glendale City Church

9:00AM (*Fellowship Hall*) - Come & enjoy a light breakfast with us at our Courtyard Café!

11:00AM (*Sanctuary*) - Worship with Pastor Joshua Estrada.
The service can also be viewed online at:
youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.

SABBATH LIFE GROUPS

(Sabbath School)

9:30AM (*Fellowship Hall*) - **Everyday Faith** 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."

12:30PM
(*Fellowship Hall*) - **Open Table** will join the rest of the church in potluck this week in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. 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

And we go on and on,
Neither sleeping nor awake,
Towards the meeting, unaware
That we are already there.
That the silence is perfect,
And that the flesh is gone.
The call still is not heard
Nor does the Caller reveal his face.

But perhaps this might be
Oh, my love, the gift
Of the eternal Face without gestures
And of the kingdom without form!

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me
based on Clair de Lune
arr. Fred Bock

Kemp Smeal, *piano*

Call to Worship

Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

We come with many voices, many songs, many prayers.
Yet in the light of God, we become one.

We come with many stories, many journeys, many wounds.
Yet in the presence of God, every story belongs.

Like light through a prism, God receives our many colors.
Let us bring our whole selves into this sacred space, that our differences may become part of the whole.

So bring your voice. Bring your story.
As our voices join together, may we become a reflection of Divine Love.

Hymn of Praise

Blessed Assurance

No. 462

Greeting and Prayers of the People

Rebecca Barceló

Anthem

Vencerá el Amor
(Love Shall Overcome)
by Carlos Colón

GCC Choir

Love shall overcome even when the storm is raging.
Though the night is long, still God's power is unchanging.
Love shall overcome: after nights of bitter weeping,
There comes a brighter dawn for Saints of God's own keeping.
Love shall overcome these chains.
When we pray, Jesus redeem us.
And the tears we cried will be a precious offering.
And the peace of Christ shall reign forever.
Love shall reign, peace shall reign, Christ shall reign.
Love shall overcome.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Creative Reflections

Un Solo Pueblo, Una Sola Fé
One People, One Faith

Glenda Mendizabal

Today we celebrate with joy and emotion,
Our roots, our culture, our cherished tradition;
Voices of people, from yesterday and today,
Telling the story of who are we are along the way.

From Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, el Salvador,
From many lands whose heritage we honor,
From every nation, from every place,
We bring our stories, our memories, our faith.

We speak differently, with cultures of our own,
Yet we worship together before the same throne.
For in the eyes of our loving God,
We are one family, united as one.

Though our roots may be different and diverse,
God embraces us all with love at our first.
In Christ there are no walls, no division to see;
There is one people, one heart, one family.

Today we give thanks for the heritage we share,
For our history, our presence, our stories and care;
And together we lift up this prayer as one:
"Lord, make us one beneath Your Son."

May our hands serve others with love,
May our voices give praise to the Lord above;
And when we look at each other, may we say:
"We are God's family, called to serve today."

WORSHIP SERVICE

Anthem

Nada Me Falta (Salmo 23)

GCC Choir

I Lack Nothing (Psalm 23)
by Mark Sedio

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
You make me lie down in green pastures.
To cool, fresh, clear water you lead me to drink;
my suffering soul you revive.

You guide me along the pathway of life,
though death's fearful darkness surrounds me.
Your loving hand chases the evil away;
your staff and your crook are my guide.
The Lord is my shepherd, no nothing I lack.

A table you set in the sight of my foes;
you anoint me with rich-smelling fragrance.
My cup overflows with such bountiful gifts;
such wonderful kindness to me!

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days I am living.
In your safe, strong dwelling
my home shall be for now and the rest of my life.
Home—I'll be.
The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Scripture Reading

Lyndon Johnston Taylor

John 12: 20-25 NLT

Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus." Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.

Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Speaker Welcome

Uriel Herinirina

Sermon

El Jardinero (The Gardener)

Joshua Estrada

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
arr. Dan Forrest

Carrah
Stamatakis

Hymn of Response

In the Garden

No. 487

Benediction

Joshua Estrada

Choral Benediction

On Eagle's Wings

GCC Choir

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D
by C.S. Lang

Kemp Smeal



OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Today's Guest Speaker: Joshua Estrada is a brand strategist, futures thinker, and cultural forecaster exploring how values, places, and communities can help shape futures. He works in brand strategy and hospitality while also leading CODA*, a faith community next door (!) built around the mission to "create the new." His work brings together future studies, theology, culture, creativity, and resonance with the Eternal.

Life Groups at GCC

Join a Life Group and do life well together! Faith-based groups meet Saturday mornings, and interest-based groups meet throughout the week.

- **Pastor Uriel's Book Club:** Starts in November, with 5 spots open. If interested, email uriel@glendalecitychurch.org
- **Psychotherapy Life Group with Allan McDonald:** Support and discussion for psychotherapists, also open to young people curious about the field. Email allanmcdherbnstone@gmail.com
- **Creators Life Group with Pam Kermgard:** If you like sewing, crafting, and more, email Pamelark429@gmail.com.

Want to start your own group? Gardening, walking, or something else? Contact Pastor Rebecca at rebecca@glendalecitychurch.org.

Hispanic Heritage Month Sabbath and Potluck: Today!

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15) is a time to celebrate the rich histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latin communities. Join us after worship today for food, fellowship, and celebration! We're partnering with CODA* for this special gathering. Bring a Latin dish to share if you'd like, but don't worry if you don't have one. Please join us either way! Bring your family and friends! Everyone is welcome!



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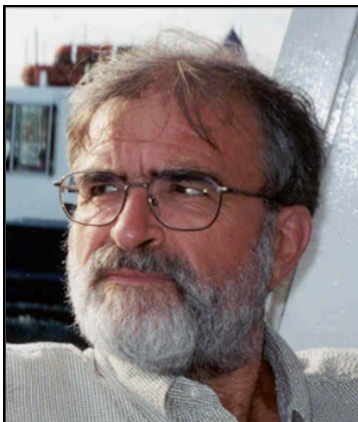
125th Anniversary Celebration — October 10

Join us as we celebrate 125 years since the organization of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with guest speaker Ray Tetz. This Special Emphasis Sabbath — "Celebrating Our History, Cultivating Our Future" — will be observed at local churches throughout SCC, and our church will be sharing Communion together as part of this special day.



Glendale Noon Concert — October 7

Join us on October 7, 2026 at 12:10 PM for a beautiful midday escape into classical music, featuring violinist Ken Aiso and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya. The program opens with Bach's Sonata No. 3 in C Major for Solo Violin, BWV 1005 — a demanding unaccompanied work built around its intricate central fugue, moving through Adagio, Fuga, Largo, and Allegro Assai. The performance continues with Jean-Marie Leclair's Sonata in C Minor for Violin and Piano, "Le Tombeau," a richly expressive work spanning Grave, Allegro ma non troppo, Gavotte, and Allegro movements. Come take a break from your day and enjoy this free hour of live chamber music in our Sanctuary.



Celebrating the Life of Ronald Lawson

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Ronald Lawson on Sunday, October 4th at 4 PM, followed by a reception at 6 PM. Ron was a beloved member of Kinship and a faithful, supportive member of Glendale City Church, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. The location will be provided upon RSVP. To RSVP, please text or call host Catherine Lee by Sept. 26 at (909) 553-7055 with your name and how many will be attending. Thank you!

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special
EMPHASIS SABBATH



Southern California Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists



Celebrating | **Cultivating**
Our History | **Our Future**

EST. 1901

This October, the Southern California Conference will celebrate 125 years since its organization. We have much to celebrate throughout 125 years of rich history—and as we move forward, cultivating our future together, is about every church and every member engaged in the mission in this unique territory.



OCTOBER 10, 2026



**LOCAL CHURCHES
THROUGHOUT SCC**

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CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, October 25

Help us take steps toward ending hunger! You can make a difference by:

- **Walking with us.** Join the Glendale City Church team at Incarnation Catholic Church, 1001 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale.
- **Donating.** Can't make the walk? Support our walkers with a donation.

Sweet treat: After the walk, we'll celebrate with a trip to Baskin-Robbins! We'll provide one scoop of ice cream to everyone who completes the walk.

Scan the QR code to join the team or donate.



STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 10
Ray Tetz

October 17
Rebecca Barceló



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