



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

January 29, 2022

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, JANUARY 29:

- 8:30 a.m.: **Spanish-language Services** with Pastor Johnny Ramirez-Johnson on our YouTube Channel.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Personal Growth Marketplace** events have been canceled for now.
- 11:00 a.m.: ***Online Only* Morning Worship** with **Pastor Leif Lind**.

THIS WEEK AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH:

- 7:00 p.m. **Social Jesus Heartgroup** by Herb Montgomery, each Wednesday at <https://Zoom.us/j/8182447241>, discussing Jesus' call to bringing justice and equality to all. To prepare for each meeting, see Herb's study guide or podcast (<https://RenewedHeartMinistries.com>).

ON CAMPUS NEXT SATURDAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, FEBRUARY 5, 2022:

- 11:00 a.m.: ***Online Only* Morning Worship Service** with **Pastor Todd Leonard**.

NOTICE ABOUT IN-PERSON GATHERINGS DUE TO COVID OMICRON

Because infection rates in Los Angeles County are now slowing, Glendale City Church plans to resume in-person gatherings on February 12.

Please watch for announcements in the bulletin and on social media for further details

SATURDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M. (PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

We welcome you as you worship with us online today. Please feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question, want a visit, or need help:

- <https://glendalecitychurch.org>
- <https://facebook.com/glendalecitychurch>
- phone 818-244-7241

Prelude "Grand Chœur" *Théodore Dubois*
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

Invocation Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. *Leif Lind*
— Ps. 90:1, 2

Hymn of Praise "O God, Our Help" (Psalm 90) *No. 103*

(1) O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

(2) Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

(3) Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

(4) A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

(5) O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Announcements & Prayers of the Congregation *Leif Lind*

Worship in Song "The Gospel Train Is Coming" *Thomas A. Dorsey*
Ben Lin, *bass*

Scripture Reading **Psalm 22, selected verses (NRSV)** *Leif Lind*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

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I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

Worship in Song

“Be Thou My Vision”
Ben Lin, *bass*

Traditional Irish; arr. Bob Chilcott

Sermon

“It’s Okay to Not Be Okay — Lessons from the Psalms of Lament”

Leif Lind

Call to Offering & Hymn of Response

“We Grieve in Isolation”

Leif Lind
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020
Hymn Tune: AURELIA

(1) We grieve in isolation, we weep from far away.
We wonder at the suffering we hear about this day.
An enemy comes near us like none we’ve ever known.
O God, we trust you love us, yet we feel so alone.

(2) O Christ, this world is changing and we are changing, too.
We cry out with a longing that you will make us new.
We thank you, God, for courage that says that it’s okay
To cry out as the Psalmist complained to you, and pray.

(3) Can life rise from these ashes? Can hope rise from our fear?
O Spirit, work among us, that we may change things here.
May we be dead to sinning — to all that would destroy.
Bring in your new creation; give life and health and joy.

(4) May we seek love and kindness that build community.
May we seek truth and justice that heal society.
We grieve in isolation; we cry, O Lord, to you.
O God of our salvation, we pray you’ll make us new.

Benediction

Leif Lind

Postlude

“Fanfare”

Nicholas Lemmens

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Church Board and pastoral staff have decided to *reopen on FEBRUARY 12, based on current Covid figures.* Worship services, Grace Center and the Living Project will resume then. Godly Play, Courtyard Café and GCC Spanish will resume sometime in March.

CHURCH FAMILY DEATHS:

- It is with great sadness that we share that longtime member and leader **Warren Dale** passed away on Monday, January 24. A Celebration of Life Service has been scheduled for Saturday, **February 19, 2:00 p.m.**, at Glendale City Church.
- Funeral Service for **Evangeline ("Vangie") Joy Murphy, mother of Gail Murphy will be held today** at 4:00 p.m. at West Covina Hills Adventist Church, 3536 E Temple Way, West Covina, CA 91791. Also available to view by livestream at www.wchsda.online.church.
- **Evelyn Poblador's mother** passed away on 21 January. Please keep her in prayer, together with others who have recently experienced loss.

Wednesday Noon Concert, February 2 with flutist Ellen Burr and pianist Lorenzo Sánchez performing works by Bohuslav Martinů, Ned Rorem, Mario Lavista, and Mike Mower. Viewable on the church's YouTube site.



We sadly announce the sudden death of **Jim McDonald**, internationally known Christian recording artist and record producer, and a previous performer at Glendale City Church. From his website <http://www.jimmcdonald.org>: "Jim McDonald has been singing Christian music professionally for over 30 years and has traveled the world in doing so.... His passion for, and dedication to, high-quality music is evident in every recording he releases. As a record producer, Jim has over 200 recordings for which he has received 80 Angel awards (recordings of the year) for both himself and the artists whose records he has produced."

His website states that the purpose of his ministry is "to tell people throughout the world, that Jesus loves them just the way they are, and only he can make a difference in our lives." His worldwide ministry also included operating the "Safe Haven Refuge", in Normandy, France, where Romanian children — many from disadvantaged backgrounds — learn English, math and social skills.

Also, his ministry has been working on translating the Bible into the Romany (Gypsy) language, as well as developing a free Apple/Android app providing Bible translations in numerous languages.

Jim McDonald passed away on January 15, in Normandy, France. Sadly, his wife Katie passed away a few years ago and Jim has since been carrying on his ministry on his own. Together with her, Jim now rests until the resurrection morning.