

#### FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

May 23, 2020

Due to Southern California Conference and L.A. County guidelines regarding the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, all services will only be live-streamed, at least until further notice. Gates and doors will be locked. Please follow our website www.glendalecitychurch.org or Facebook page as further information becomes available.

## **City Church Online Weekly Schedule:**

- **Social Jesus Heartgroup,** hosted by Herb Montgomery, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (*new Zoom number*, https://zoom.us/my/glendalecitychurch): See Announcements for further details.
- **Prayer & Study Thursdays** are on hiatus through Independence Day. Watch for a survey in the coming weeks asking what online gatherings you would like to have together.
- **Spanish-language Services,** Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.: with Pastor Johnny Ramirez-Johnson on our YouTube Channel
- **Saturday Morning English Worship** 11:00 a.m., YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch.
- Worship After-Party with Tom & George 12:15 p.m.: Immediately after worship concludes, two of our members, George and Tom, are hosting a meet-up on their video conference channel: www.Zoom.us/j/2139156248. It's a great way to see each other and catch up!

Thank you for your understanding and support as we do our best to serve one another in this unusual moment in time.

## Today's Live-streamed Service, May 23:

 11:00 a.m.: Online Worship Service with Todd Leonard, continuing his sermon series "Let's Sit With This."

## **NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 30:**

• 11:00 a.m.: Online Worship Service with Guest Speaker, Danny Chan, Director of the Los Angeles Metro Region of the Southern California Conference, of which Glendale City Church belongs.

FOR ALL FUTURE EVENTS, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK UPDATES

## 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:

www.glendaltcitychurch.org

https://www.facebook.com/glendalecitychurch

• 818-244-7241

Prelude

"Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*" Kemp Smeal, *organ*  Edward Elgar

**Welcome & Call to Worship** 

Holy One,

Todd Leonard

open us to the movement of your Spirit.

You call us through your Spirit that we may gather and celebrate the new community.

We are all different and still we share a yearning that touches and compels us to join together with one another.

Gather us so that the winds of love will blow through us, and the fire of your passion will burn.

#### Opening Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

No. 560

- (1) Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, 'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
- (2) His law he enforces: the stars in their courses, the sun in his orbit, obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine, We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise, 'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

### **Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation**

Todd Leonard

**Worship in Song** 

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Sal Malaki, tenor Johann Sebastian Bach

### Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:1-5a, 4:3-4, 2:22-26

Todd Leonard

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — having a form of godliness but denying its power.

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Worship in Song "In the Garden" C. Austin Miles

Sal Malaki, tenor

**Sermon** "Let's Sit With This: Todd Leonard

The Cosmic Conspiracy"

Offering Call Todd Leonard

Offertory "A Song of Peace" based on the tune Finlandia Jean Sibelius

Sal Malaki, tenor

**Hymn of Response** "A Mighty Fortress" No. 506

(1) A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

- (2) Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, And he must win the battle.
- (3) And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.
- (4) That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth; Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

**Benediction** Todd Leonard

**Postlude** "Toccata in G Major" Théodore Dubois

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Due to the Coronavirus Outbreak, the Glendale City Church Campus Remains Closed for Everyone's Safety. Please watch for updates regarding campus reopening, as information becomes available.

**Pastors and Staff on Call.** Even though the church office is closed, you can still connect with anyone on our team. Call 818-244-7241 and enter their extension:

• Serena Miller: x 202

• Todd Leonard: x 205

• Leif Lind: x 207

• Dean Vendouris: x 204

• Mike Kim: x 206

Johnny Ramirez-Johnson: x 219

On this **Memorial Day** let us honor those who lost their lives in service for our country.

**Be Aware of Fake Pastoral Emails.** For the past few years, emails using Todd Leonard's name have been sent to staff and church members asking for them to arrange wire transfers and other creative financial transactions. Please know that Todd will never send you an email like that. And if you receive an email from an address other than "todd.j.leonard@gmail.com," don't respond to it.

**Graduate Recognition:** In the June edition of *Intersections*, we want to recognize our family members who are celebrating an academic graduation this year. If you or a family member have graduated from 8th or 12th grade, received a college degree or post-graduate degree, please submit: 1) Graduate name; 2) graduate picture; 3) school graduating from; and 4) grade completed or degree received. Please submit to Serena Miller *by the end of the day today*: glendalesda@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests: Please remember in prayer Lillian Buchhammer, who lost her mother Clara on May 9.

**Please note for Zoom updates:** Make sure you have **at least version 5.0** on your computer. Earlier versions will no longer work in June. Please also note for all Zoom meetings that **Glendale City has a new Zoom address** (one digit different from the previous address): https://zoom.us/my/glendalecitychurch.

**Expanded Tax Benefits for Giving to Glendale City Church and other Charities.** Under the stimulus package those who do not itemize their deductions may contribute up to \$300 in contributions as an "above the line" expense (expenses that are deducted to calculate an individual's adjusted gross income, AGI). This was not previously available to taxpayers. Additionally, the stimulus legislation lifts the existing cap on annual contributions for itemizers from 60 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) to 100 percent of AGI for contributions made in 2020. Thank you for continued support for our church family at this time!

**Grocery and Medicine Delivery Assistance for Glendale's Seniors.** The Glendale Fire Department will assist senior citizens in our city with free delivery of food and medicine. To receive delivery assistance, call 818-548-4814. Also, the SOS Thrift Food Pantry at Vallejo Drive is open every Thursday from 12–3 p.m. to help families facing food insecurities at this time (located at 311 Vallejo Dr., Building B, Glendale).

**Spanish-language Services Online.** Pastor Johnny Ramirez-Johnson hosts a weekly Spanish Bible study session & worship service on our YouTube Channel (www.YouTube.com/c/glendalecitychurch), Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Participate live, or watch the recording on demand anytime after. Share the good news!

**Social Jesus Heartgroup:** Herb Montgomery hosts a weekly online conversation on Jesus' call to bringing justice and equality to all, each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., on our **new Zoom account**, https://zoom.us/my/glendalecitychurch. In preparation for each meeting, read Herb's study guide or listen to his podcast (both found at www.RenewedHeartMinistries.com).