



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

September 19, 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 [HTTPS://GLENDALECITYCHURCH.ORG](https://glendalecitychurch.org) OR FACEBOOK PAGE AS FURTHER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

CITY CHURCH ONLINE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

- **Spanish-language Services**, Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.: with Pastor Johnny Ramirez-Johnson on our YouTube Channel.
- **City Kids Worship**, 10:00 a.m., www.YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch
- **The Living Project Support Group**, 10:00 a.m. Contact Mike Quishenberry for login information: mquishenberry@gmail.com
- **Saturday Morning English Worship** 11:00 a.m., <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>.
- **Worship After-Party with Tom & George** 12:15 p.m.: Immediately after the worship service concludes, join the chat and catch up with other church members at <https://Zoom.us/j/2139156248>.
- **Social Jesus Heartgroup**, hosted by Herb Montgomery, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (<https://Zoom.us/j/8182447241>), where we discuss Jesus' call to bringing justice and equality to all. In preparation for each meeting, check out Herb's study guide or podcast (<https://RenewedHeartMinistries.com>).

TODAY'S LIVE-STREAMED SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 12:

- 11:00 a.m.: Online Worship Service with Pastor Leif Lind with his sermon "Let It Go!"

NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

- 11:00 a.m.: Online Worship Service with Pastor Mike Kim

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:

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

Prelude “Festive Prelude on *Hymn to Joy*” *Albert Travis*
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*

Invocation I trust in God’s unfailing love for ever and ever. *Leif Lind*
I will praise you forever for what you have done.
In your name I will hope, for your name is good. —Ps. 52:8, 9

Hymn of Praise *No. 12 (2 verses)*

(1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee, hail thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

(2) Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother — all who live in love are thine:
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Worship in Song “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” *Virgil Thomson*
Charles Lane, *tenor*

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation *Leif Lind*

Scripture **Matthew 18:21-35** *Leif Lind*

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Worship in Song "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" *arr. Rosamond Johnson*
Charles Lane, *tenor*

Sermon "Let It Go!" Leif Lind

Call to Offering Leif Lind

Offertory "You'll Never Walk Alone" *Rogers & Hammerstein*
Charles Lane, *tenor*

Hymn of Response "Help Us Accept Each Other" *(Fred Kaan; tune: AURELIA)*

(1) Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

(2) Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

(3) Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

(4) God, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit; God! Free us, make us one!

Benediction Leif Lind

Postlude "Fugue in C" *Dietrich Buxtehude*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Church Board has voted not to reopen our church until the state, county, city, and conference restrictions are significantly reduced from what they are currently. Reopening date to be determined. **Online services will continue to function** as they have up till now.

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
- Mike Kim: x 206
- Johnny Ramirez-Johnson: x 219

We deeply regret to announce that long-time member, **Dr. Ronald Wu**, renowned obstetrician at Adventist Health Glendale (formerly GAMC) for nearly 50 years, **passed away on September 8.** Please keep **Georgiana and the family** in your prayers during this difficult time.

Models of Older Adult Ministry Conference. Glendale City Church is pleased to co-host this online continuing education event with the New Theological Seminary of the West **this Monday**, September 21, 1:30–4:30 p.m. Designed for clergy, lay ministry leaders and counselors, this seminar will provide practical insight on vibrant faith-based ministry for seniors. Conference registration and information at www.ntswest.org.

Want to Zoom greet fellow worshipers on Sabbath morning? For those who want to say one or two lines of greeting to the rest of the online church, please let us know in advance so we can make arrangements for this.

Tired of meeting only online? We are planning a limited space attendance, shaded courtyard Saturday morning church service next month, October 17. All State and Conference guidelines must be adhered to, i.e. temperatures taken before entry, masks on at all times, socially distanced seating, no congregational singing, etc. We will provide information on how to "book attendance" in advance, as space will be limited. (The service that day will be recorded as usual for regular online viewers.)

On September 15 this week, the **Glendale City Council** voted unanimously to adopt a resolution acknowledging our city's racially exclusionary past as a "**Sundown Town**", where for much of the 20th century people of color were prohibited from living within city limits — or even being present there after sundown. This moment wouldn't have happened without our congregation's expressed commitment in 2019 to right the wrongs of our city's and congregation's past.

1-hour Zoom Workshop: "Tips for Assisting Individuals in Distress", Sep 23, 4:30–5:30 p.m. Offered by Family Promise of the Verdugos, this presentation will provide resources in helping the homeless and other community services — for all congregational volunteers, Sunday lunch volunteers, etc. (See flyer on our website.)

Chipotle GAA Fundraiser: When you order takeout this Tuesday, Sep 22 (5–9 p.m.), why not order from Chipotle @ 132 N. Glendale Ave and help raise funds for Glendale Adventist Academy? Use promo code H47Q768 before checkout for 33% of the proceeds to go towards GAA.

Social Justice Book Club. Join Didi Mumford in reading and discussing current authors on racial justice issues. Join the Zoom session at The first book that will be discussed on September 20 & October 18 is "Our Time Is Now", by Stacey Abrams, available through your favorite bookseller. Zoom login <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84822548280?pwd=QWtvSEQyZFdXZp1TlZQUlF1M2t3Zz09> (or: Meeting ID: 848 2254 8280, Passcode: 193844). Discussions will take place at 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. Contact Didi for more information: 626-676-2352 or dmumford1@aol.com.