

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-6, 12, 15-17

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. **“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.**

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

**He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”
“No,” they answered.**

He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” **None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?”
They knew it was the Lord.**

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?”
“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”
Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me?”
He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”
Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” **He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”** Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”

Closing Hymn No. 81 (Tune: Cwm Rhondda)

1. Though I speak with tongues of men and angels,
Though I have the prophet’s gift,
Though I hold the keys to hidden knowledge,
Though my faith can mountains shift;
Without love I am no better, without love it’s all for naught;
What this means I would be taught.
2. Love is patient, knows no envy,
Never gloats when others sin;
Love is never glad to see injustice,
Always wants the truth to win.
There’s no end to love’s endurance, there’s no test it cannot face;
I shall fail without Your grace.
3. Though there’ll be an end to hidden knowledge,
Visions, raptures, prophecy:
Faith and hope and love shall last forever,
Love the greatest of the three.
Without love I am no better, without love it’s all for naught;
What this means I would be taught.

Sermon Resources

Here’s the problem: I’m supposed to love my fellow man. Which means that I should accept my fellow human beings as they are. (That’s what love means, right?) But can I—indeed, should I—accept my fellow human beings as they are?

Should I accept a malnourished child as she is? Should I accept a drug-addicted teenager, a suicidal spouse, or a bigoted friend as he is? If a person I love suffers a lack of something—whether that something is food, money, knowledge, health, moral integrity or peace of mind—and whether that person wants to be helped or not—should I not do everything in my power to fill that lack?

Love is an oxymoron. To truly love someone I have to do two contradictory things: I have to respect him and I have to care for him. If I do not accept him as he is, that means that I do not respect him. It means that I don’t really love him—I love only what I wish to make of him. But to love someone also means that I care for him and desire the best for him. And since very, very few people are the best that they can be, caring for someone means not accepting him as he is, but believing in his potential to be better and doing everything I can to reveal that potential.

I can respect someone. I can care for someone. I can accept a person as he/she is. Or I can not accept a person as he/she is. But I can’t do both at the same time. Love sounds great in principle. In practice, it’s impossible.

But I love myself. I’m not unaware of my deficiencies—indeed, in a certain sense, I am more aware of them than anyone else. I want to improve myself, but I don’t think less of myself because I haven’t yet done so. I respect myself and I care for myself; I accept myself as I am, while incessantly striving to make myself better than I am. I love myself—truly, fully, in every sense of the word.

The fact that such love is a logical paradox is irrelevant. It may be impossible to do two opposite things at the same time, but billions of people, myself included, do exactly that. I love myself regardless of whether this love makes sense, regardless of the inherent contradiction it embodies.

That’s why the Torah tells us to “Love your fellow as yourself.” If you find it impossible to love your fellow—to both respect him and care for him, to be deeply concerned about his faults and be completely unmindful of them at the same time—think for a minute about how you love yourself.

Then love your fellow as you love yourself. —By Yanki Tauber, adapted from the “Chabad Online Magazine.”

Anthem Text

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb who is the great ‘I am’,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on,
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

City Church Announcements

Flowers. Today’s flowers are honoring the birthdays of Mildred and Justin Brown, August 20 & 21, respectively, by their daughter Arletta.

Guest Choir Director & Organist. Please join us in welcoming our guest choir director, John St. Marie, and organist, Taylor Ruhl.

Inaugural Organ Concert. Kemp Smeal will be presenting an inaugural organ concert, to be held at the Church on Sunday September 30, at 4 p.m.

Children’s Summer Sabbath School. Kindergarten through Junior Sabbath Schools continue to meet in the Youth Center to learn about the *Fruits of the Spirit*, through the use of music, art, stories, and teamwork.

A+ Children’s Center. Our mascot, Buddy the Bear, wants to welcome you to our Center! Enroll your child now for the 2007-08 school year while there is still space available. We have a safe and nurturing environment for children aged 18 months to 1st grade. Pre-School hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten and 1st grade classes are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Before- and after-school care is available. Classes start August 20th. Call 818-241-9353 for more information. See you soon!

Used Car Needed. One of our church members is in need of a used car (in working condition!). If anyone wishes to donate a vehicle and get a tax break for this, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

GAE & GAA. The excellent training of Adventist parents is strengthened by Adventist schools. Registration is taking place now. Glendale Adventist Elementary (818) 246-4867, Glendale Adventist Academy (818) 244-8671.

Music Concert. Christian Edition and 5 time Grammy Winner Sandi Patty will perform at La Sierra University Church on September 9 at 7:00. For tickets and info call AMS Agency: 805 955-7682.

August 25. Our guest speaker next Sabbath is Will Frei, a Fuller Theological Seminary student who has worked closely with David Wood. Pastor Wood, who had been scheduled to speak, had to cancel due to an unexpected church commitment. He will be our guest speaker later in the year.

Upcoming Sermons

August 25	Guest Speaker	Will Frei
September 1		Cherise Gardner

Sunset tonight – 7:46 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:38 p.m.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"Choral No. 3 - Adagio"	César Franck
Call to Worship		Leif Lind
	For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.	
	Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.	
Morning Hymn	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	No. 191 (Tune: <i>Hyfrydol</i>)
Prayer of Invitation	<i>God, remind us now is the time of your favor, now is the day of salvation. Amen.</i>	
Scripture		Warren Dale
Anthem	"The Love of God"	<i>N. Sleeth</i>
Worship in Giving		
Morning Offering		
Offertory	"The Gift of Love"	Betty Feinblatt
Children's Sermon		Denise Kasischke
Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation		Mitchell Henson
Prayer Response	<i>Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord unto me!</i>	
Anthem	"Wondrous Love"	<i>arr. Shaw-Parker</i>
Sermon	"Though I Speak with Tongues"	Leif Lind
Closing Hymn	"Though I Speak with Tongues"	See bulletin text
Benediction		
Organ Response		
Postlude	"Choral No. 3 - Allegro"	César Franck

Sabbath School Options

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-13 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	14-18 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Prassô	General	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	

Worship Options

Option	Location	Sequence
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine/Jubilate Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor
Leif Lind, Church Administrator
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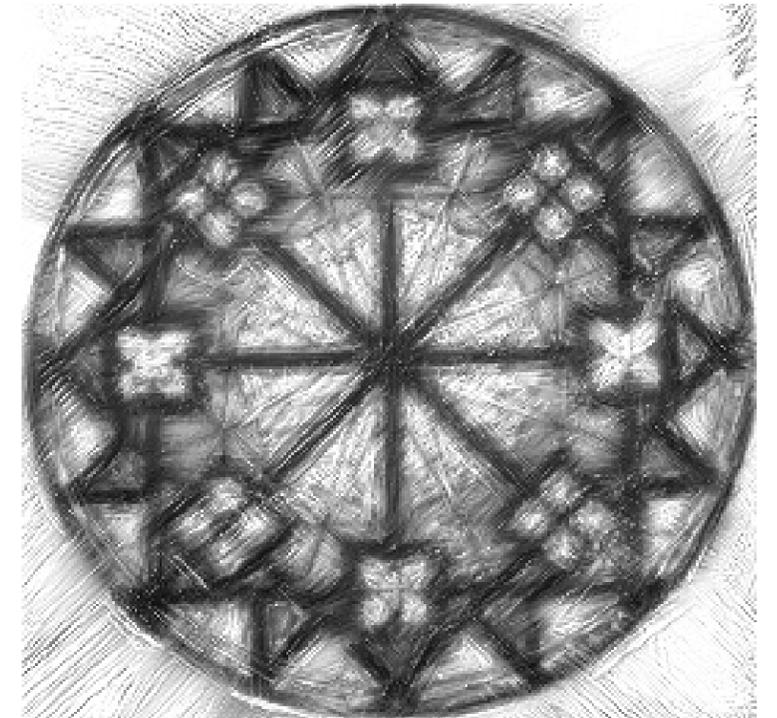
Head Elder	Doug Schultz
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Guest Organist	Taylor Ruhl
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
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Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
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A+ School Principal	Jeanie Drake

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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