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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### AMERICAN PRAYER HOUR

Thursday, February 4, 2010  
10:30 a.m.

#### GLENDALE CITY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

##### Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
*Johann Walther*

Kemp Smeal  
Organist, Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church

##### Welcome

Leif Lind  
Church Administrator, Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church

##### Gathering Statement

Dave Ferguson  
Church Relations Director of Seventh-day Adventist Kinship

##### Gathering Hymn

“O for a World”  
Hymn Tune: AZMON

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

##### Invocation

Rev. Sandie Richards  
First United Methodist Church of Los Angeles

##### \*Litany

Rev. Keith G. Banwart, Jr.  
Secretary, Southwest California Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God of all places, of this room and the other rooms across the country where we gather to pray this morning, inspire us. When we hear of the hatred for sisters and brothers in Uganda, we also feel hatred; we become hateful ourselves. When we hear of the devastation of lives of sisters and brothers because of wars, especially in Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan, we lose our trust. When we hear of the suffering of sisters and brothers in Darfur, we lose our faith. We know that we have become a culture of “us versus them,” spending our hours and energies naming and blaming. In places of hatred where walls are built to separate us one from another, guide us so that we might turn toward each other and not turn away.

**ALL: Guide us to a new place where our faith builds bridges and creates places for healing.**

God of all time and this morning, stir us up, we pray. In this time when voices are silenced and agendas are created behind closed doors, open our hearts and minds so that more seats are placed at the tables of change and transformation. In places where lines are drawn in the sand dividing neighborhoods and countries, awaken us in a new way.

**ALL: Awaken us to a time of hope and openness of heart.**

God of all people and of your sons and daughters here this morning, gather us in, we pray. Where there is great suffering from hunger and thirst, come. Where sisters and brothers have no place to lay their heads, come. Where jobs have been lost and dreams have vanished, come. Be present, God, in Haiti, in the United States of America, in Uganda. In places of violence, addiction, illness and injury, come God of us all, come.

**ALL: Come and re-shape your children to love so that we might live into your image.**

Holy One, renew us. During this season of shortened hours of daylight, we are sometimes tempted to hibernate. Remind us that although the night may seem long, your light is ever again preparing to burst onto our horizons emboldening us and giving us strength for your service. Guide us. Awaken us, O God. Re-shape us so that we might live into your restoration, your justice, your shalom.

**All: God of faith, hope and love we hunger for you – this is the place, this is the time, fill us with Your courage, peace, and love. Use us, we pray. Amen.**

## Meditation Hymn

“This Is My Song”  
Hymn Tune: FINLANDIA

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

## Homily

Rev. Dr. Art Cribbs  
Pastor, San Marino Congregational United Church of Christ

## Prayers

## Sending Hymn

“Lead On, Eternal Sovereign”  
Hymn Tune: LANCASHIRE

1. Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;  
Loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:  
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,  
To carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.

2. Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,  
For in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:  
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,  
Our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.

3. Lead on eternal Sovereign, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,  
And all of us together will sing a hymn of peace;  
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,  
To love and serve each other for all eternity.

## Blessing

Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater  
Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center

## Postlude

“Tocatta in G Major”  
*Theodore Dubois*

Kemp Smeal  
Organist, Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church

\*“Litany for A Service of Prayer” by Rev. Lesley Brogan, Atlanta, GA