

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

(Please turn off all cell phones & pagers for the worship service)

Prelude “Festive Trumpet Tune” *David German*

Call to Worship

The hour is coming, and is now here,
when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.
God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth. —John 4:23, 24, NRSV

Hymn of Praise “Praise Him! Praise Him!” No. 249

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation Cherise Gardner
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response (No. 684)

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Vocal Solo “Laudate Dominum” *W. A. Mozart*
(from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*)
Christina Bristow, *soprano*

Call to Offering Jerry Wahagheghe
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Vocal Solo “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” *arr. M. Hogan*
Abdiel Gonzalez, *baritone*

Children’s Sermon Cherise Gardner

Vocal Duet “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” *arr. Richard Walters*
Christina Bristow, *soprano* & Abdiel Gonzalez, *baritone*

Scripture **Jonah 1:1-17** Marquita Kibble

Sermon “Is Our God Too Small?” Rudy Torres

Closing Hymn “Is This a Day of New Beginnings?” No. 342

Benediction Rudy Torres

Musical Response

Postlude “Festival Toccata” *Perry Fletcher*

Whether you’re a regular member or a visitor,
we encourage you to continue to fellowship with our Church family after the worship service!
Please also feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question or need help.

Sabbath School Options (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kinder/Primary	4 yrs to 4th grade	Room 4	Giraffe
Junior	5th & 6th grade	Room 1	Lion
Earliteen	7th & 8th grade	Room 2	Eagle
Teen	14-17 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Young Adults	19-99	Multipurpose Room	Rachel Pereyra
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Rosalyn Wortham

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
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 a.m.
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.
Bible Study	Council Room	Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Children’s Choir	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Church Directory

Pastoral Staff

Rudy Torres, Interim Senior Pastor (818-244-7241)
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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church



“Revealing Christ, affirming all.”

August 4, 2012

Responsive Reading

Jonah 1:1–17

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.”

Then the sailors said to each other, “Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.” They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. So they asked him, “Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?”

He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

This terrified them and they asked, “What have you done?” (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)

The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?”

“Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”

Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased.” Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.



Soprano Solo: “Laudate Dominum”

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes,
Praise the Lord all nations,

laudate eum omnes populi
praise Him all ye people

Quoniam confirmata est supernos misericordia ejus,
For his merciful kindness is great toward us

et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Church-wide News

COLUMBIA UNION CONSTITUENCY OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVES ORDINATION WITHOUT REGARD TO GENDER

In a specially called session of the Columbia Union Conference Constituency on July 29, delegates from its eight conferences voted overwhelmingly to approve a recommendation from the union executive committee authorizing ordination without regard to gender.

Despite General Conference attempts to influence the vote against passing, the historic vote was 209 in favor and 51 opposed, with nine abstentions—a ratio of 4 to 1. The approved motion states: “*That the Columbia Union Conference authorize ordination to the gospel ministry without regard to gender.*” This means that the union will no longer deny requests from conferences to ordain proven female ministers to the gospel ministry.

The Northern German Union recently voted similarly, and the Pacific Union will vote on this on August 19. “*There was a good spirit and healthy discussion, all bathed in prayer,*” says Dave Weigley, Columbia Union president. “*We remain part of, united with, and fully committed to the mission of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church.*”

The four-hour meeting will shortly be available for viewing at www.columbiaunion.org/2012specialconstituency.

Church Financial Snapshot

YEAR TO DATE 2012 (FOR 30 WEEKS, THROUGH JULY 28)
BUDGETED LOCAL FUNDS INCOME \$244,276
ACTUAL LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED \$229,877
SHORTFALL \$14,399

City Church Announcements

*“All are welcome — whoever you are, whatever your journey or background.
God excludes no one, and neither do we.”*

Attention all Children’s Sabbath Schools! Sabbath Schools K–Youth will be joined together in the Youth Room from now through September 1.

Important reminder to **Church Board** members. We will meet **today** in the Council Room for a brief session immediately following the worship service.

The next **L.A. Forum** will be August 25, 3 p.m., welcoming **Bernard Brandstater, M.D., Professor of Anesthesiology at Loma Linda and President of Loma Linda Forum.** Topic: “Updated Creation Strategies for the Adventist Church”

Our monthly **Potlucks** will resume on the fourth Sabbath, starting this month, August 25.

Mid-week Bible Study Class “God in the 66,” will meet in the Council Room, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. All welcome.

Youth Programs (*for more information, contact Pastor Cherise, 626-484-8436*): Mark your calendars for Community Service Activities after worship service, August 25.

A+ Children’s Center Summer Camp, now through August 30, ages 5-9 years. For more info contact 818-241-9353.

A+ NEED: The school is accepting bids to replace the **Fellowship Hall’s partition.** If you know anyone who does this, please contact the school at 818-241-9353.

Online giving of tithes or special projects? Go to glendalecitysda.org and click on “Donate to Glendale City Church Here.”

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day
August 11
August 18

Anoosh Keshishzade
Rudy Torres
Doug Schultz

Sunset tonight – 7:53 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:46 p.m.