

Worship Service

Deacons: Shelby Goerlitz, Peter Rudolf
Sound: Brent Lambeth
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Safety: Erik Lundstrom

PRELUDE	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> Wanda Griffiths, Organist	Setting by Anna Laura Page
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Christians, We Have Met to Worship</i>	arr. Arnold B. Sherman
✿ HYMN OF PRAISE, Hymnal No. 12	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	HYMN TO JOY
INVOCATION		John McLarty
OFFERING	Offering this week	Wendy Kleppe World Ministries
OFFERTORY	<i>Pastorale (from Eight Psalm Impressions)</i> “I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for Lord, only make me dwell in safety” <i>Psalm 4:8</i> Wanda Griffiths, Organ	Douglas E. Wagner
WELCOME and CHURCH LIFE		John McLarty
CHORAL CALL TO THE CHILDREN’S STORY	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	arr. Roy Naden
CHILDREN’S STORY	Hands Across the Waters Offering for Grace for Orphans Scholarship Fund in Namibia	Dick Wonderly
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER	As the choir sings the Call to Prayer, we invite you to kneel if it is comfortable.	Franz Schubert <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
MORNING PRAYER		Wendy Kleppe
CHORAL RESPONSE		
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 45:1-7 (NLT)	Francisco Lopez, Sr.
The Old Testament scripture will be read in Spanish. You are invited to follow along with the English translation from a Bible in the pew racks.		
ANTHEM	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Green Lake Singers	Alice Parker
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING	1 John 2:1-2 (NLT)	Francisco Lopez, Jr.
SERMON	<i>Ascending Liability</i>	John McLarty

✿ HYMN OF CONSECRATION, Hymnal No. 538	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	CWM RHONDDA
✿ BENEDICTION		John McLarty
✿ CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Seven-fold Amen</i>	Peter C. Lutkin
POSTLUDE	<i>Prelude and Fugue in E Minor</i> Wanda Griffiths, Organist	J. S. Bach

Welcome, Visitors ... We welcome all worshipers present, and invite everyone to discover the joy of God’s unending love. If you would like to join our membership, fill in one of the cards in the pew holders and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor. Following the worship service, please join us for the potluck in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Sermon Synopsis ... If a child is abused by a church school teacher, the abuse is discovered, and there is a lawsuit, the teacher is never the only defendant. The lawsuit will also name the school and the conference because, the lawsuit will allege, the school/church should have, could have, known the perpetrator posed a risk. If a patient is harmed by a nurse, the ensuing lawsuit will target the nurse, the doctor, and the hospital. The concept of ascending liability does not deny the immediate actor’s responsibility, but holds that individual actors are part of systems that may share partial blame. This contemporary American notion of ascending liability is a mirror image of the ancient notion of descending responsibility. In the Bible, God takes credit for creating the cosmos and nations and people. When these people do wrong, God takes responsibility. Such a vision of God gives us courage since in our failures, we are not left on our own. This vision also gives us wisdom; all humans, even the most broken and problematic, are part of the same family and system that nourish us. We share with God in being responsible for more than ourselves.

Prayer Team ... The prayer team meets on the first and third Sabbaths in the parents’ room after the worship service. Everyone is welcome. There are three boxes in the narthex for prayer requests, answers, and silent prayers. During the week, please feel free to contact Eustace Mazila (emazho@gmail.com). All prayer requests are confidential except when the team is specifically asked to share.

Prayer List
Julie Grooms, facing serious health issues.
Theda Mitchell, struggling with recurring health issues.
Nico Tobias, admitted to Children’s Hospital with a third bout of leukemia.
Members and friends coping with addictions and mental health problems.

Annual Church Retreat ... Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, October 6-8, 2017. Food, fellowship, worship, spectacular sunsets, beach walks. *Costs for housing and food are covered by the Green Lake Foundation.* Get your reservation in by September 10 to be part of the lottery drawing for cabins. Registration forms and a drop box for them (including your refundable deposit) are on the table in the lobby.

Sabbath School

Program	Dr. Richard Hart, President, Loma Linda University <i>Adventist Missions in the 21st Century – A Loma Linda Perspective</i>	9:30 a.m.
Next Sabbath	Ken Walters, Program Presenter <i>The Waldensians in France</i>	9:30 a.m.

Adult Sabbath School Classes 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

The sanctuary opens today at 10:50. Prior to this time, rehearsing musicians appreciate privacy during their preparation for the worship service and thank you for this courtesy.

SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

Green Lake Church is noted for its diversity. We welcome you wherever you are in your search for truth. Some classes work within a traditional Seventh-day Adventist framework, while others take a nontraditional approach. Choose the one that best fits your needs today.

Quarterly – B. Chedalawada, M. Mitchell, D. Van Fossen Auditorium, Front
Follows the lessons in the Sabbath School Quarterly, Galatians.

Walk Through the Bible – Matt Rickaby, Simon Tung Top Level Open Space
Ezra and Nehemiah

Discussion Library
Encourages the open expression of ideas and experiences.

Current Issues & Quarterly – Mark Haun, Katrina Zafiro Kitchen
An interactive discussion based on biblical principles, generally following topics provided by the Sabbath School Quarterly.

Women’s Class – Patti Gibson Parent Room (Next to Balcony)
Discussing the book *Swimming Against the Current: Living for the God You Love* by Chris Blake.

CHILDREN’S DIVISIONS

The Junior Choir rehearses from 9:30 to 10:00, when they dismiss to their Sabbath School classes.

Beginners (ages 0 through 3.5), 10:00 a.m. Room 101
Leader: Sharon Roberts

Kindergarten (ages 3.5 through 5), 10:00 a.m. Room 301
Leader: Elyse Lambeth

Primary (ages 6 through 8), 10:00 a.m. Room 203
Leader: Mark Voth

Juniors (ages 9 through 12), 10:00 a.m. Room 202
Leader: Open

Youth (ages 13+), 10:00 a.m. Room 302
Leaders: Troy Ahrens, Jonathan Schreven

✿ The congregation is invited to stand when the hymn introduction begins.

Hearing assistance devices are available from the sound operator in the balcony.

