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Beverly Heights
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Church

MARCH 2, 2025

Beverly Heights United

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Lamb

BH Tone Chimes Ensemble

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name!

People: **Make known His deeds among the peoples!**

Choral Introit (*turn to the last page of the bulletin to follow along*)

Franklin Sanctus

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 660**

vv. 1, 2

O God beyond All Praising

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:33-56

pg. 829, *Trinity Hymnal*

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Responsive Psalm **No. 92** (*see bulletin*)

vv. 1-3

It's Good to Thank the LORD

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Sin, Followed by Silent Confession

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Heavenly Father, You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 119:33-56

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your righteousness.

May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD, your salvation, according to your promise;

then I will answer the one who taunts me, for I trust in your word.

Do not snatch your word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws.

I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.

I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame,

for I delight in your commands because I love them.

I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I meditate on your decrees.

Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.

My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.

The arrogant mock me without restraint, but I do not turn from your law.

I remember your ancient laws, O LORD, and I find comfort in them.

Indignation grips me because of the wicked, who have forsaken your law.

Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge.

In the night I remember your name, O LORD, and I will keep your law.

This has been my practice: I obey your precepts.

660

O God beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison 7

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

LOVE FOR GOD

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word, to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord. and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.'

Michael Perry, 1982

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From Gustav Holst, *The Planets*, 1918

It's Good to Thank the LORD

From Psalm 92

1. ¹It's good to thank the LORD, To praise Your name, Most High! ²To
³Your deeds, LORD, made me glad. I'll joy in what You've done. ⁴How
⁵*Though sin - ners grow like weeds, Ill - do - ers blos - som may,* ⁶*They're*
⁷You've raised, like ox, my horn, Fresh oil poured on my head. ⁸You
⁹¹⁰Those plant - ed by the LORD Shall in God's courts be seen; ¹¹When

¹²show Your love at dawn, Your faith - ful - ness all night! ¹³The ten-stringed
¹⁴great Your do - ings, LORD! How deep Your thoughts; each one! ¹⁵Fools won't be
¹⁶*doomed to be de - stroyed. You, LORD, ex - alt - ed stay.* ¹⁷*LORD, Your foes*
¹⁸made me see the spies And hear what plot - ters said. ¹⁹Like thriv - ing
²⁰old they'll still bear fruit And flour - ish, fresh and green, ²¹And loud pro -

²²lyre With sweet-voiced lute and rip - pling harp Your praise in - spire.
²³shown; The stu - pid can't ac - cept this truth, to him un - known!
²⁴*fall. See! How Your foes—vain e - vil men—are scat - tered all!*
²⁵palm The right - eous grows, like ce - dars tall on Leb - a - non.
²⁶claim How up - right is the LORD, my Rock; no wrong in Him!

Music: John Darwall, 1770

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 ©

DARWALL'S 148TH

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and Earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

New Testament Lesson

Philemon 1-25

Mr. Peter A. Chace

Psalm of Praise **No. 21A.** (*see next page*)

vv. 1-3

The King in Your Great Strength, O LORD

Choral Anthem

My Hope Is In the Lord

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*My hope is in the Lord, who gave Himself for me, and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.
For me He died; for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.
No merit of my own, His anger to suppress. My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.
For me He died; for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.
And now for me He stands before the Father's throne.
He shows His wounded hands and names me as His own!
For me He died; for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.
His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe and recognize His work of love and Christ receive.
For me He died; for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.*

Congregational Response **No. 731**

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Children ages kindergarten and younger are dismissed to the Nursery, Walkabouts Room, and Runabouts Room.
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-31

Sermon

The Increase of His Kingdom
Trusting the King Who Saves

Pastor Devlin

The King in Your Great Strength, O LORD

21A

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing! — Revelation 5:12

Psalm 21:1-6

1. ¹The king in Your great strength, O LORD, Has joy a-bun-dant - ly;
2. ³For You have wel-come-d him with gifts, With bless-ings man-i - fold;
3. ⁵In Your sal-va-tion he is great, And glo-ri-fied is he;

In Your sal-va-tion he de-lights With joy ex-ceed-ing - ly,
And You have placed up-on his head A crown of pur-est gold.
And You up-on him have be-stowed Most glo-rious maj-es - ty.

²What he de-sired with - in his heart You ful - ly have sup - plied;
⁴When he re-quest-ed life from You, You life to him did give;
⁶For You will ev - er set on him The bless-ings of Your grace;

What he re-quest-ed with his lips, You nev - er have de - nied.
Such length of days You gave to him: For - ev - er he will live.
And You will cause him to be filled With joy be - fore Your face.

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

So High
New Song Choir; Karley Lucas, *flute*

Wolaver

Prayers of the People

Prayers for Renewed Strength

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Congregational Response **No. 734**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See bottom of page)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

*Please note: we will eat together in the pew.
Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.
The Elders are serving bread and wine.
To better serve those with restrictions,
please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.*

Communion Hymn **No. 53**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 197**

vv. 1, 4

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Benediction

Postlude

Declaration

Groden

****May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

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Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Is. 40:1, 2

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way; God will
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; let the
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad; and all

that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
 flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Please note:

Each Sunday in Lent, we will be singing the Franklin Sanctus following the offering (in the place of the Gloria Patri). This week, the choir will sing the Franklin Sanctus as the choral introit in order to introduce it to the congregation.

Franklin Sanctus

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

Isaiah 6:3,
Revelation 4:8,
Matthew 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry.

Ho -

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

The Increase of His Kingdom

The King Who Saves

March 2	Isaiah 40:1-29
March 5 (Ash Wednesday)	Isaiah 41:1-29
March 9	Isaiah 42:1-25
March 16	Isaiah 43:1-28
March 23	Isaiah 44:1-28
March 30	Isaiah 45:1-25
April 6	Isaiah 46:1-13
April 13	Isaiah 47:1-15
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	Isaiah 48:1-22
April 20	Isaiah 49:1-26

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 AM Christian Ed for All Ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:30 PM Fusion for MS/HS students
6:30 PM Adult Class - Dr. Bennett

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 PM ACE Team Meeting
7:00 PM Finance Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday dinner
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 AM Christian Ed for All Ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:30 PM Fusion for MS/HS students
6:30 PM Adult Class - Dr. Bennett

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