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Beverly Heights  
Presbyterian  
Church

MARCH 16, 2025

# Beverly Heights United

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Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

## THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*  
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Sewell

*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:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

**People:** Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross.

Choral Introit

*O God, to Us Show Mercy*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 94**

vv. 1 - 4

*How Firm a Foundation*

Responsive Reading: from Psalm 50

Pastor Devlin

**Leader:** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

**People:** **Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.**

**Leader:** “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

**People:** “Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

Responsive Hymn **No. 94**

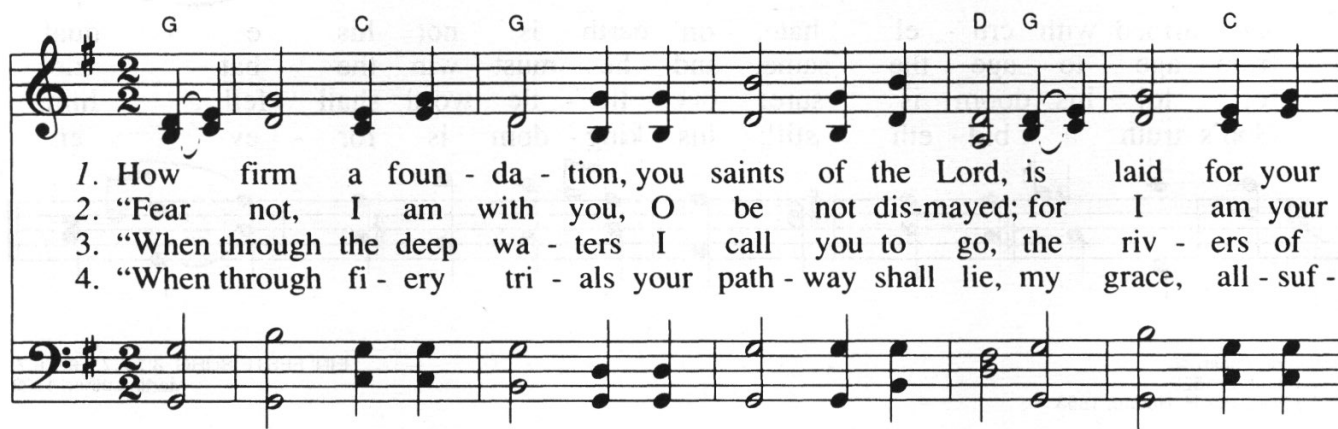
vv. 5, 6

*How Firm a Foundation*

## How Firm a Foundation

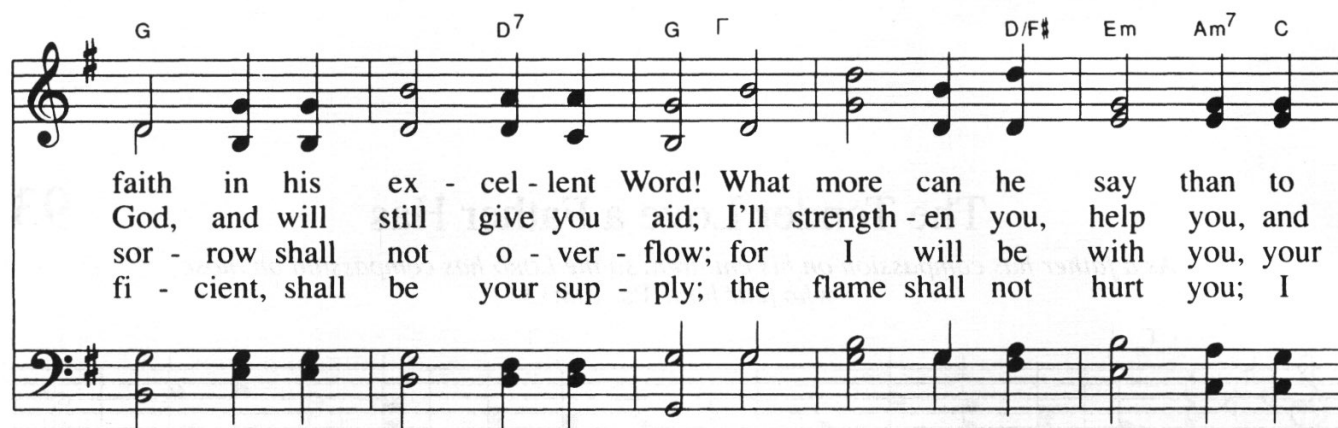
*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10*

G C G D G C



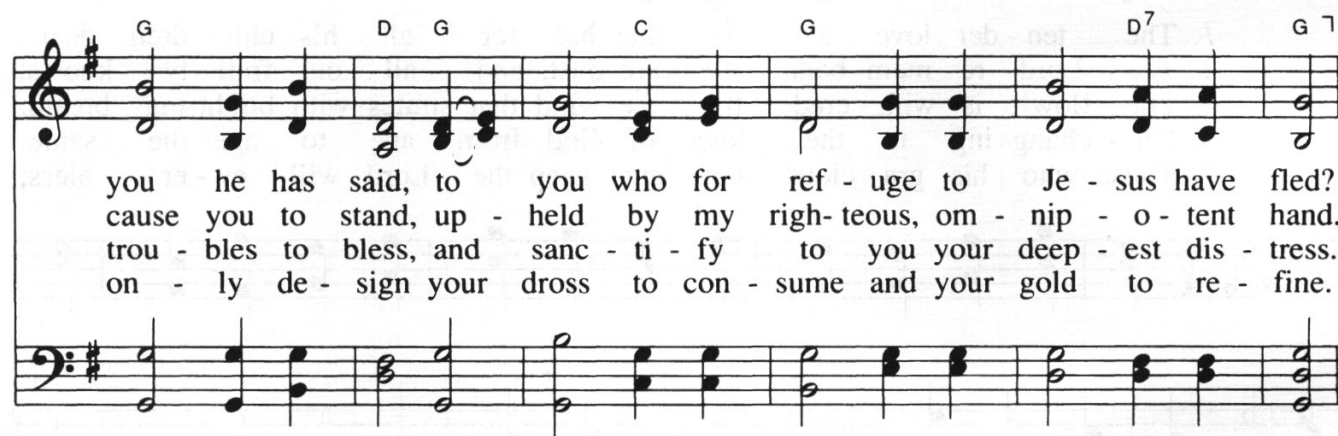
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your  
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of  
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

G D<sup>7</sup> G F D/F# Em Am<sup>7</sup> C



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to  
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and  
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your  
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D<sup>7</sup> G 7



you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."



**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.*

**Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour we have sinned against Your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called Your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked You to anger. In Your mercy and for the sake of Your glory, we ask You to receive us into Your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. 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.*

Lenten Response (*see next page*)

*Franklin Kyrie*

Unison Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;  
who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin, Mary,  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# Franklin Kyrie

*All voices*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

**THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES**

New Testament Lesson	Galatians 3:1-14	Dr. Kyle David Bennett
Lenten Hymn <b>No. 528</b>	vv. 1-4	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>
Choral Anthem	<i>Be Not Afraid</i>	Courtney

*Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;  
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep over you;  
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;  
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.  
My love for you is everlasting,  
My love for you shall have no end.*

Congregational Response <b>No. 731</b>		<i>Doxology</i>
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**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 43:1-28
Sermon	<b>The Increase of His Kingdom</b> The Decree That Saves	Mr. Peter A. Chace

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory	<i>Savior, Your Dying Love</i>	L. Smith
Prayers of the People	Prayers for Protection	Pastor Devlin
Congregational Response ( <i>see next page</i> )		<i>Franklin Sanctus</i>

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Heb. 12:1, 2*

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

# 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, ho - ly Lord. 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 -  
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 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

*See Screen*

*Come, O Sinner*

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

*Trinity Hymnal*

**THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM**

Closing Hymn **No. 261**

vv. 1, 3

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Benediction

Postlude

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Burton

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***\*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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# What Wondrous Love Is This

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1*

F Dm Am C Em Dm C Dm Dm7 C F

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

C Bm Am G Am G C Dm C F C F C

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

Dm C Am Bm7 C Dm Am Em Dm C

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

Dm Dm7 C F C Bm Am G Am G C Dm

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

# The Increase of His Kingdom

*The King Who Saves*

March 2	Isaiah 40:1-31
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 16

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 17

*Church Offices Closed*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 PM Next Gen Team Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
4:15 PM WNH programming  
5:45 PM WNH dinner and vespers

### THURSDAY, MARCH 20

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
12:00 PM March Madness Event

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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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