



Cheerfulness

IN NEGATIVE WORLD



JULY 13, 2025

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

Psalm Instruction

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Elissa Winkler

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP
--

Prelude

Selections

Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

*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: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Congregational Introit **Psalm 5** (see next page) vv. 1, 2

Lord, in the Morning Thou Shalt Hear

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **No. 100** vv. 1, 2

All Earth, With Joy

Responsive Reading from Psalm 68

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Leader: God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People: Sing to God; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Leader: You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

People: Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!

Lord, in the Morning Thou Shalt Hear

From Psalm 5

1. Lord, in the morn - ing Thou shalt hear My voice as -
 2. Up to the heav'ns, where Christ is gone To plead for
 melody

To Thee will I di - rect my pray'r, To
 Pre - sent - ing at His Fa - ther's throne Our
 cend - ing high;
 all His saints,
 To Thee will I di - rect my pray'r, To Thee lift up mine
 Presenting at His Fa - ther's throne Our songs and our com -

To Thee will I di - rect my pray'r, To Thee lift up mine eye,
 Presenting at His Fa - ther's throne Our songs and our complaints,
 Thee lift up mine eye,
 songs and our complaints,
 rect my pray'r, To Thee lift up mine eye, To Thee lift up mine eye.
 Fa - ther's throne Our songs and our com - plaints, Our songs and our complaints.
 eye, To Thee will I di - rect my pray'r, To Thee lift up mine eye.
 plaints, Pre - sent - ing at His Fa - ther's throne Our songs and our complaints.

To Thee will I di - rect my pray'r,
 Pre - sent - ing at His Fa - ther's throne

3. Thou art a God, before whose sight
 The wicked shall not stand;
 Sinners shall ne'er be Thy delight,
 Nor dwell at Thy right hand.

4. But to Thy house will I resort,
 To taste Thy mercies there;
 I will frequent Thy holy court,
 And worship in Thy fear.

5. Oh, may Thy Spirit guide my feet
 In ways of righteousness!
 Make ev'ry path of duty straight
 And plain before my face.

6. My watchful enemies combine
 To tempt my feet astray;
 They flatter, with a base design
 To make my soul their prey.

7. Lord, crush the serpent in the dust,
 And all his plots destroy;
 While those that in Thy mercy trust,
 Forever shout for joy.

8. The men that love and fear Thy name
 Shall see their hopes fulfilled;
 The mighty God will compass them
 With favor as a shield.

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

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

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; He will tread our iniquities under foot.

Unison Confession of Faith

Definition of Chalcedon

Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 18:13-27

Mr. Peter A. Chace

Psalm of Praise No. 9

vv. 3, 4

Wholehearted Thanksgiving

Special Music

Come, Thou Fount
Cindy Egeland, *flute*; Jinna Park, *piano*

arr. IJames

**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 Walkabouts Room, and Runabouts Room.
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:3-13

Sermon

Cheerfulness in Negative World
A Cheerful Gift

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Selections

Installation of Elders

Elder Andy Lucas, Elder Tom O'Boyle

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See below)

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 Psalm **No. 22**

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

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

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Psalm **No. 22**

vv. 12, 14

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

Benediction

Postlude

Selections

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

All baptized 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.

Sermon Materials

Within the story of American secularization, there have been three distinct stages:

- **Positive World (Pre-1994):** Society at large retains a mostly positive view of Christianity. To be known as a good, churchgoing man remains part of being an upstanding citizen. Publicly being a Christian is a status-enhancer. Christian moral norms are the basic moral norms of society and violating them can bring negative consequences.
- **Neutral World (1994–2014):** Society takes a neutral stance toward Christianity. Christianity no longer has privileged status but is not disfavored. Being publicly known as a Christian has neither a positive nor a negative impact on one's social status. Christianity is a valid option within a pluralistic public square. Christian moral norms retain some residual effect.
- **Negative World (2014–Present):** Society has come to have a negative view of Christianity. Being known as a Christian is a social negative, particularly in the elite domains of society. Christian morality is expressly repudiated and seen as a threat to the public good and the new public moral order. Subscribing to Christian moral views or violating the secular moral order brings negative consequences.

~Aaron Renn, "The Three Worlds of Evangelicalism," *First Things*, February 2022

Cheerfulness in Negative World

June 8	Wealth without Woe	Proverbs 10:22
June 15	A Cheerful Giver	2 Corinthians 9:7
June 22	Cheer and No Loss	Acts 27:13-26
June 29	Cheer Is Enough	Acts 27:33-38
July 6	A Cheerful Defense	Acts 24:10
July 13	A Cheerful Gift	Romans 12:8
July 20	Cheerful Song and Prayer	James 5:13
July 27	Cheerful Forgiveness	Matthew 9:2
August 3	Cheerful Faith	Matthew 9:22
August 10	Cheer Over Fear	Matthew 14:27
August 17	Cheerful Calling	Mark 10:49
August 24	Cheer Overcomes Negative World	John 16:33
August 31	Dwelling in the Tents of Kedar	Psalm 120

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, JULY 13
9:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 14
Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, JULY 15

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
3:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting
7:00 PM Women's Book Study

THURSDAY, JULY 17

FRIDAY, JULY 18

SATURDAY, JULY 19

SUNDAY, JULY 20
9:00 AM Worship Service

Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church

1207 Washington Road ❖ Mt. Lebanon, PA ❖ 15228
www.beverlyheights.org ❖ 412-561-5100

Gathered By His Love For Us ~ Scattered By Our Love For Him

1. Ye choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem, Your sweet-est notes em - ploy,
 2. How Ju-dah's Li - on bursts His chains And crushed the ser - pent's head;

melody

The Pas - chal
 And brought with

The Pas - chal vic - to - ry to
 And brought with Him from death's do -

The Pas - chal vic - to - ry to hymn In strains of
 And brought with Him from death's do - mains The long - im -

The Pas - chal vic - to - ry to hymn The Pas - chal vic - to - ry
 And brought with Him from death's domains, And brought with Him from death's

vic - to - ry to hymn
 Him from death's domains

End of st. 6

hymn
 mains In strains of ho - ly joy.
 ho - ly joy, The long - im - pri - soned dead.
 pri - soned dead, run. Al - le - lu - ia!

to hymn
 do - mains

3. From Hell's devouring jaws the prey
 Alone our Leader bore;
 His ransomed hosts pursue their way
 Where He hath gone before.

4. Triumphant in His glory now
 His scepter ruleth all,
 Earth, Heav'n, and Hell before Him bow,
 And at His footstool fall.

5. While joyful thus His praise we sing,
 His mercy we implore,
 Within His palace bright to bring
 And keep us evermore.

6. All glory to the Father be,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
 While endless ages run.

All Earth, With Joy

*I am the good Shepherd; I know My sheep and
My sheep know Me. —John 10:14*

100C
Psalm 100

1. ¹All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voices
2. ⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving, to His courts come

ring - ing. ²With gladness serve the LORD; come to Him
prais - ing. To Him be thankful, and bless His name,

joy - ful - ly sing - ing. ³The LORD is God. Know that He
your voices rais - ing. ⁵The LORD is good; His lov - ing -

made us His own. We are the sheep of His pas - ture.
kindness endures, His faithfulness lasts forever.

9B

Wholehearted Thanksgiving

1. Whole - heart - ed thanks - giv - ing to thee will I bring,
 2. Thou, Lord, art a ref - uge for all the op - pressed;
 3. Give praise to Je - ho - vah, the might - y deeds tell
 4. Be - hold my af - flic - tion, thy mer - cy ac - cord,

in praise of thy mar - vel - ous deeds I will sing;
 all trust thee who know thee, and trust - ing are blest;
 of him who has chos - en in Zi - on to dwell,
 and back from death's por - tals re - store me, O Lord,

in thee I will joy and ex - ult - ing - ly cry,
 for nev - er, O Lord, did thy mer - cy for - sake
 of him to whom jus - tice and ven - geance be - long,
 that I in the gates of thy Zi - on may raise

thy name I will praise, O Je - ho - vah Most High.
 the soul that has sought of thy grace to par - take.
 who vis - its the low - ly and o - ver - throws wrong.
 my song of sal - va - tion and show forth thy praise.

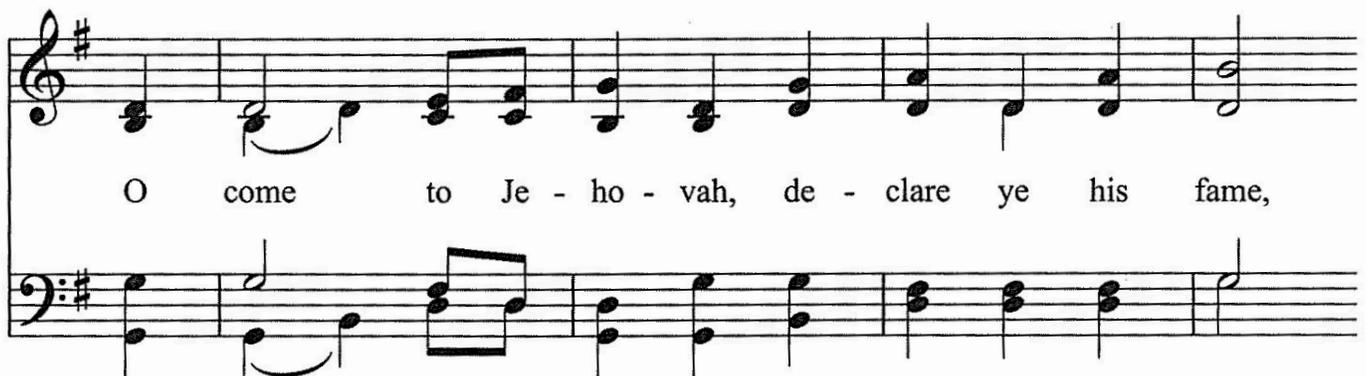
Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!



O come to Jehovah, declare ye his fame,



and give him all honor, for just is his name.

Partial
The Psalter, 1912
 Refrain by Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.ref.
 William H. Doane, 1875

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

22E

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. — Matthew 28:19

Psalm 22:27-31

12. ²⁷ All ends of earth will turn to Him; The LORD they
13. ²⁹ All those who prosper in the earth Will eat and
14. ³⁰ A seed will rise to do His will, And of the

will a - gain re - call. The na-tions' fam - lies all will come,
low be - fore Him bend; And in His pres - ence all will bow,
Lord be made a - ware. ³¹ The gen - er - a - tion that will come

To wor - ship and be - fore Him fall, ²⁸ Be - cause the
Who help - less to the dust de - scend, Who e - ven
Will then His righ - teous - ness de - clare To peo - ple

LORD the king - dom owns And rules a - bove all earth - ly thrones.
though they vain - ly strive, Can nev - er keep their souls a - live.
who are yet to be, That He has done this; it was He.