



Cheerfulness

IN NEGATIVE WORLD



AUGUST 10, 2025

Worship at a Glance

A Brief Overview of our Worship Service and How to Participate

A Note to Parents

Children are encouraged to be in the sanctuary because we believe the Bible commands us to include children in the worship service. Parents have the privilege of training their children for worship every Lord's Day. We are happy to partner with you in that training. To assist in training, we encourage families with children to sit closer to the front with their kids and make use of the children's worship bags in the sanctuary. Childcare rooms are also available when additional training or discipline is necessary. For more information, feel free to contact Nadine Michalak or Pastor Nate.

What is a Bulletin?

The bulletin contains our order of worship and includes all the information you need to worship with us on Sundays. The bulletin is not something we simply "work through" but a guide that helps us in our worship of God.

Announcements

Announcements about the ministry are given before the worship service begins. In the summer, we include a time of musical instruction as part of the announcements.

The Prelude

The prelude is a musical selection that is played at the beginning of the worship service. During that time, worshipers are encouraged to pray and prepare their hearts and minds for worship. The prelude ends with the "ringing of the hour," which includes the Westminster Chime, followed by a Trinitarian bell.

Congregational Responses

Worship at Beverly Heights is "dialogical," meaning it is a dialogue between God and His people. The Pastor calls and the congregation responds throughout the service. All responsive readings for the congregation are in **bold**. The congregation also responds by kneeling for confession, standing for the reading of God's word before the sermon, and declaring "Amen" after prayer and song.

Confessions of Sin and Faith

Each Sunday, the congregation is invited to confess their sins. We first confess corporately, followed by a time of silent and private confession. Everyone is invited to bow their heads and, for those who are able, to kneel for confession. Following the confession of sin, the pastor offers assurance of your forgiveness. The congregation then joins in a unison confession of faith through one of the ecumenical creeds (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Definition of Chalcedon).

Music

Our worship service includes weekly special music. Normally, the choir (which is the "first-fruit" of the voice) sings an anthem on behalf of the congregation. When the choir is in recess, special music is offered by soloists or ensembles. We refrain from clapping for these musical offerings but respond as a congregation by lifting up our hands and singing the Doxology *a cappella*. All congregational music for the service can be found in the bulletin, the Trinity Hymnbook, or the Summer Psalter. Our Director of Music cantors to assist the congregation in singing.

Scripture Readings

There are two scripture lessons during the worship service, normally one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. We always stand for the reading before the sermon in keeping with the model found in Nehemiah 8:5.

Sermon

The preaching of the word is understood as a direct address by God through the preacher to the congregation. Our sermons are predominantly exegetical (derived from the text) but sometimes topical. Most sermons will include an introduction, an explanation of the text, an application, and a takeaway (call to action).

Offering

Every Lord's Day includes the opportunity to present an offering to the Lord in the form of gifts, tithes, offerings, and prayers. (A "tithes" is defined by the scriptures as a tenth of our income.)

Pastoral Prayer

Following the offering, a pastoral prayer is made on behalf of the congregation. The subject of the prayer varies weekly, and worshipers are encouraged to join in the prayer by faith.

Communion

We practice weekly communion in worship. All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper (See additional note in bulletin). Worshipers come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and wine, but all partake of the elements together in the pews. As you receive the elements, the congregation is invited to sing. After communion, there is a "Eucharistic" (thanksgiving) prayer, followed by the singing of the threefold "Amen."

Closing

After communion, the congregation sings a closing hymn or Psalm, followed by the benediction. The benediction is a blessing given by God to the congregation by the pastor. All worshipers are encouraged to stretch out their hands as a gesture of receptivity as they receive the benediction.

Postlude

The service ends with the playing of a postlude.

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Psalm Instruction

'Tis by Thy Strength

Elissa Winkler

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

We Thank You, God
Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

Schram

*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 150**

vv. 1-3

Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **No. 122**

vv. 1-3

I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 77

Pastor Devlin

Leader: I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember Your wonders of old. I will ponder all Your work, and meditate on Your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy.

People: What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your might among the peoples. You with Your arm redeemed Your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Leader: When the waters saw You, O God, when the waters saw You, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; Your arrows flashed on every side. The crash of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

People: Your way was through the sea, Your path through the great waters; yet Your footprints were unseen. You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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.

As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: God said, "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you."

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

2 Kings 6:1-7

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Psalm of Praise No. 22

vv. 12-14

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

Congregational Response No. 731

Doxology

The musical score is written in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of three systems of piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "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. Amen." Chord symbols are provided above the piano parts.

All children remain in worship with their families.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

Cheerfulness in Negative World
Cheer Over Fear

Mr. Peter A. Chace

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me

Lou

Sacrament of Baptism

Trinity Anne Seo

Pastor Devlin

Baptismal Hymn No. 189

vv. 1, 2, 4

Jesus Loves Me

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. 31**

vv. 1-4

In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust

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

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn

Psalm 134

Benediction

Postlude

Processional No. 2 from Little Lyric Suite

Kosche

****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

Sermon Notes

Cheerfulness in Negative World

August 3, 2025	Cheerful Faith	Matthew 9:22
August 10, 2025	Cheer Over Fear	Matthew 14:27
August 17, 2025	Cheerful Calling	Mark 10:49
August 24, 2025	Cheer Overcomes Negative World	John 16:33
August 31, 2025	Dwelling in the Tents of Kedar	Psalms 120

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Linger Longer Fellowship

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

*Final day to bring in donations for
the PRISM Garage Giveaway!*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
3:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting
4:30 PM Teen Tone Chime
Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00 PM Performance of
O Chicken of Little Faith

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

10:00 AM Brunch and Prayer Shower

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Linger Longer Fellowship

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

'Tis by Thy Strength

From Psalm 65:6-13

1. 'Tis by Thy strength the moun-tains stand, God of e-ter-nal pow'r;
melody

The sea grows calm at Thy com-mand, And tem-pests
The sea grows calm at Thy com-mand, The sea grows calm at

The sea grows calm at Thy com-mand, And tem-pests cease to roar,
Thy com-mand, And tem-pests cease to roar,
calm at Thy com-mand, And tem-pests cease to roar,

And tem-pests cease to roar, And tem-pests cease to roar.

2. Thy morning light and ev'ning shade
Successive comforts bring;
Thy plenteous fruits make harvest glad;
Thy flow'rs adorn the spring.

3. Seasons and times and moons and hours,
Heav'n, earth, and air are Thine;
When clouds distill their fruitful show'rs,
The Author is divine.

4. Those wand'ring cisterns in the sky,
Borne by the winds around,
With wat'ry treasures well supply
The furrows of the ground.

5. The thirsty ridges drink their fill,
And ranks of corn appear:
Thy ways abound with blessings still,
Thy goodness crowns the year.

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Sing Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

1. ¹Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! Praise God with - in his
 2. Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! ³O praise him with the
 3. ⁵With sound - ing cym - bals praise the LORD! With clash - ing cym - bals

sa - cred courts! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise, praise him
 trum - pet sound! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise God with
 praise a - loud! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! ⁶Let all that

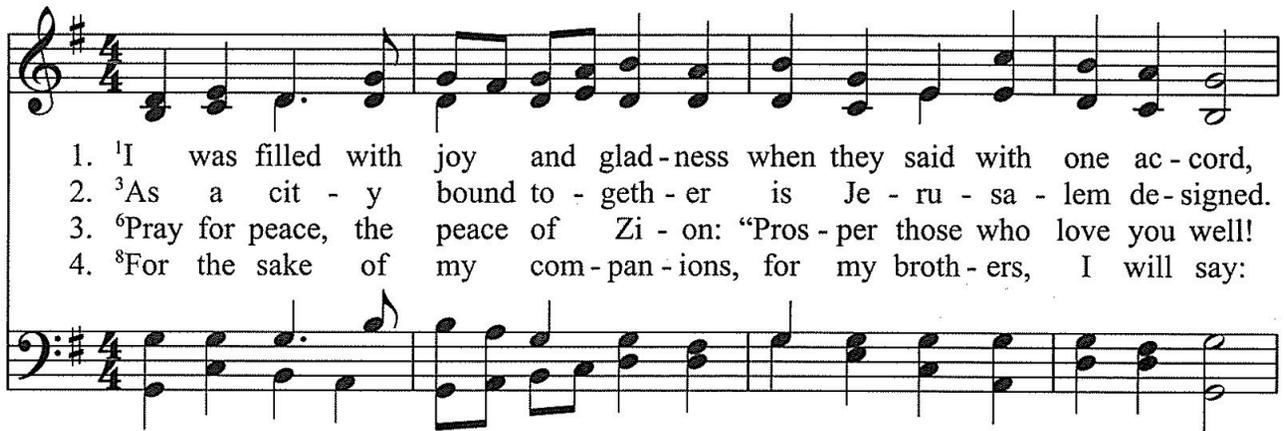
in his heav'n - ly height! ²Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!
 lute and harp and strings, ⁴with dance and pipe and tam - bou - rine!
 breathes now praise the LORD! O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

O praise him! O praise him! Hal - le - lu - jah!

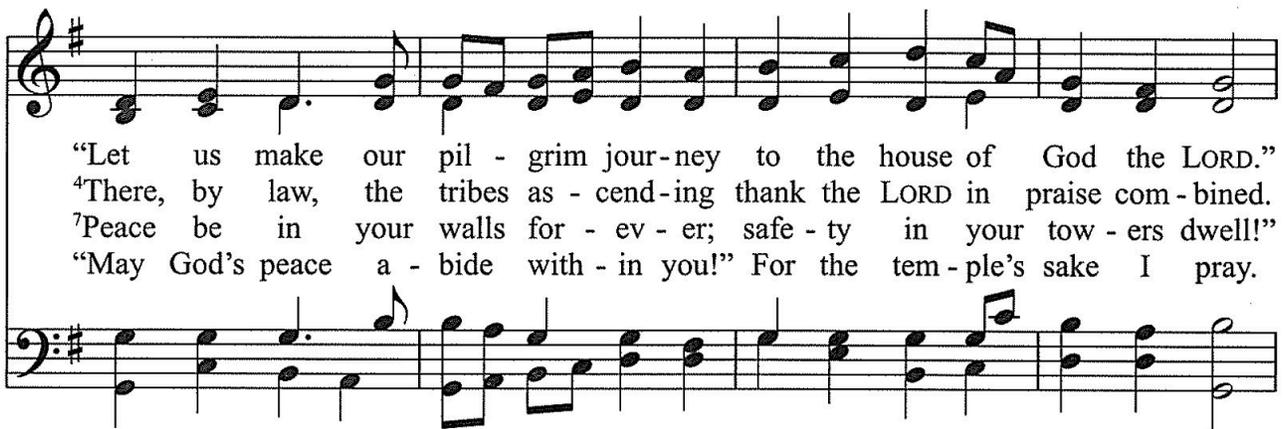
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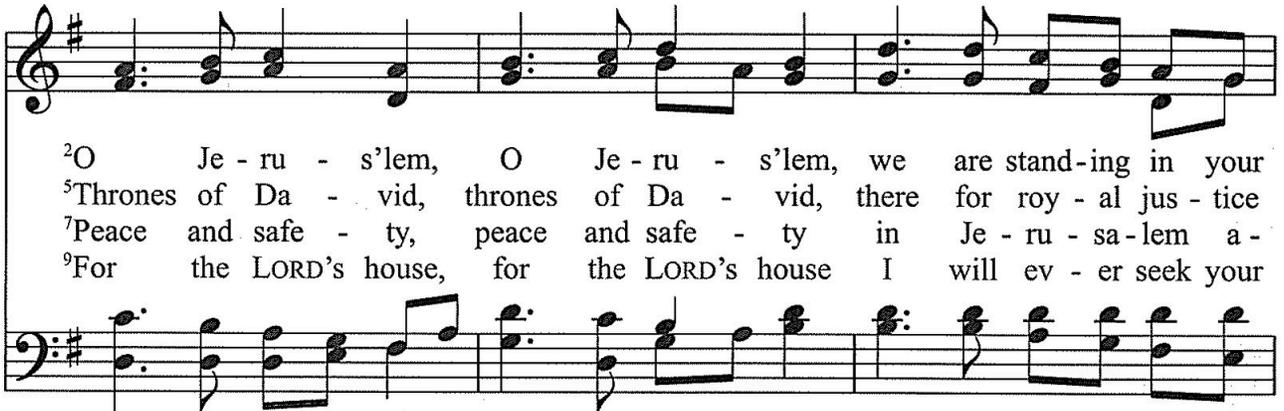
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Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623
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1. ¹I was filled with joy and glad-ness when they said with one ac-cord,
 2. ³As a cit - y bound to - geth - er is Je - ru - sa - lem de-signed.
 3. ⁶Pray for peace, the peace of Zi - on: "Pros - per those who love you well!
 4. ⁸For the sake of my com-pan - ions, for my broth - ers, I will say:



"Let us make our pil - grim jour-ney to the house of God the LORD."
⁴There, by law, the tribes as - cend-ing thank the LORD in praise com - bined.
⁷Peace be in your walls for - ev - er; safe - ty in your tow - ers dwell!"
 "May God's peace a - bide with - in you!" For the tem - ple's sake I pray.



²O Je - ru - s'lem, O Je - ru - s'lem, we are stand-ing in your
⁵Thrones of Da - vid, thrones of Da - vid, there for roy - al jus - tice
⁷Peace and safe - ty, peace and safe - ty in Je - ru - sa - lem a -
⁹For the LORD's house, for the LORD's house I will ev - er seek your



gates; (*in your gates*) we are stand - ing in your gates.
 stand; (*jus - tice stand*) there for roy - al jus - tice stand.
 bound; (*a - bound*) in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bound.
 good; (*seek your good*) I will ev - er seek your good.

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

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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.

In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust

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Based on Psalm 31:1-8

C G Am Em F G C

1. ¹In You, O Lord, I place my trust; Let me nev - er be a - shamed.
2. You are my cit - a - del of stone Up - on the moun - tain - side.
3. ⁵As Je - sus cried, "In - to Your hand My spir - it I com - mit,"
4. ⁷I will be glad, re - joice and praise Je - ho - vah's stead - fast love.

G Am Em F G C

Save, res - cue and de - liv - er me, In Your great right - eous - ness.
For Your name's sake, Al - might - y God, Lead, guide and gov - ern me.
I, too, con - fess, O God of truth, Re - demp - tion is in You.
For You have seen my trou - bled soul And known all my dis - tress.

G Em F C Em Am

²Bow down Your ear and hear my plea, With speed de - liv - er me;
⁴Al - though my foes plot to en - snare, Re - move me from their net
⁶I hate all those who ren - der praise To i - dols false and vain.
⁸Though death and Sa - tan held me fast, You freed me from their hands.

C G Em7 F C ^{st. 4 only} Am G C

³And be my rock both sound and strong, My for - tress and a - bode.
Be - cause You, Lord, are my strong - hold, My har - bor and my home.
Though fool - ish men chase fee - ble dreams, I trust in God a - lone.
My feet now march through all the earth, Christ's King - dom to pro - claim.

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Psalm 134

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A Song of Ascents.

3-part canon

¹ Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

² Lift up your hands in the sanc-tu-ar - y, And bless the LORD.

³ The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi - on!

G G D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G

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