



Cheerfulness

IN NEGATIVE WORLD



AUGUST 31, 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. Our worship services are approximately 90 minutes.

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.

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

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

Psalm Instruction: *'Tis by Thy Strength*

Elissa Winkler, Director of Music in Worship

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Lead On, O King Eternal
Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

Hayes

*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 65**

'Tis by Thy Strength

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise (**see next page**)

vv. 1, 4

Oh, Sing a New Song to the Lord

Responsive Reading

Psalm 4

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself; the LORD hears when I call to Him.

People: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

Leader: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!" You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

People: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Responsive Psalm No. 100

vv. 1, 2

All Earth, With Joy

98A

Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

Psalm 98:1-3

1. 1 Oh, sing a new song to the LORD, For won - ders He has done,

6 For won - ders He has done; His right hand and His ho - ly arm

13 The vic - to - ry have won, The
The vic - to - ry have The

The vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have
vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have won.
won, The vic - to - ry have won.
vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have won.
won, The vic - to - ry have won.

2. 2 The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
He openly has shown.

3. 3 He mindful of His grace and truth
To Israel's house has been,
The great salvation of our God
All ends of earth have seen.

Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

98B
Psalm 98:4-9

4. 4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD And make a joy - ful sound,

6 And make a joy - ful sound, Lift up your voice a - loud to Him;

13 Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing
Sing psalms! Let joy re -
Sing
Sing psalms! Let joy re -
Sing psalms! Let joy re -

17 sound! Sing psalms!
psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!
sound! Sing psalms!

5. 5 With harp make music to the LORD;

With harp, a psalm O sing!

6 With horn and trumpet raise a shout

Before the LORD, the King.

6. 7 Let seas in all their vastness roar,

The world, its living horde.

8 Let rivers clap, let mountains sing

Their joy 9 before the LORD!

7. Because He comes, He surely comes,

The judge of earth to be!

With justice He will judge the world,

All men with equity.

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.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 8:1-13

Mr. Peter A. Chace

Psalm of Praise **No. 22**

vv. 12-14

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

Special Music

God Made Me

Rogers

BH Children's Ensemble; Jinna Park, *piano*

**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.**

All children remain in worship with their families.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 120:1-7

Sermon

Cheerfulness in Negative World
Dwelling in the Tents of Kedar

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Cho

Prayers for the People

Prayers for Peace

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

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 Hymn

See Screen

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen No. 740

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn

vv. 1, 2

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King

Gaspard

****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.

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
3:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting
7:00 PM Women's Chorale Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
4:30 PM Church Picnic

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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

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

11 cease to roar,
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,

16 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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.