



THE  
SPIRIT  
OF OUR  
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



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# Beverly Heights Church

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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

*Festive March*

Lasky

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:** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** Let us worship the LORD with gladness!

Choral Introit

*Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.*

*How Judah's Lion bursts His chains and crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with Him from death's domains the long-imprisoned dead.*

*All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **No. 100**

vv. 1, 2 (See Bulletin)

*All Earth, with Joy*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 80

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

**Leader:** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

**People:** Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**Leader:** Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted, and for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.

**People:** Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

# All Earth, With Joy

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

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Psalm 100

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

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

joy - ful - ly sing - ing. <sup>3</sup> The LORD is God. Know that He  
your voices rais - ing. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<b>THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN</b>
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Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Pastor Bennett

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

**Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news of the gospel: Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.*

Unison Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

<b>THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES</b>
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Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 7:9-14

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Hymn of Praise No. 626

vv. 4, 5

*O Lord, by Grace Delivered*

## 626

## O Lord, by Grace Delivered

*I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths. Ps. 30:1*

1. O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I now with songs ex - tol;  
 2. His ho - ly name re - mem - ber; you saints, Je - ho - vah praise;  
 3. In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un - moved I shall re - main;  
 4. What prof - it if I per - ish, if life you do not spare?  
 5. My grief is turned to glad - ness, to you my thanks I raise,

my foes you have not suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall.  
 his an - ger lasts a mo - ment, his fa - vor all our days;  
 • for, Lord, by your good fa - vor my cause you did main - tain;  
 Shall dust re - peat your prais - es, shall it your truth de - clare?  
 who have re - moved my sor - row and gird - ed me with praise;

O Lord, my God, I sought you, and you did heal and save;  
 for sor - row, like a pil - grim, may tar - ry for a night,  
 • I soon was sore - ly trou - bled, for you did hide your face;  
 O Lord, on me have mer - cy, and my pe - ti - tion hear;  
 and now, no lon - ger si - lent, my heart your praise will sing;

you, Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the grave.  
 but joy the heart will glad - den when dawns the morn - ing light.  
 • I cried to you, Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's grace.  
 that you may be my help - er, in mer - cy, Lord, ap - pear.  
 O Lord, my God, for - ev - er my thanks to you I bring.

Special Music

*Be Still, My Soul*

arr. Larson

Holly Devlin and Elissa Winkler, *vocal duet*; Jinna Park, *piano*

*Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side! Bear patiently the cross of grief of pain;  
Leave to your God, to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past;  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

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 18 months to kindergarten are dismissed to the Walkabouts Room and Runabouts Room downstairs.  
Please use the back sanctuary exits to access the stairs to the childcare rooms.  
The Nursery is open but not staffed. All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Sermon

**The Spirit of Our Age**  
The Age of the Spirit

Pastor Devlin

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Purifoy

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers for our Nation

Pastor Chace

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 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

*Hear My Prayer*

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

*Trinity Hymnal*

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

Closing Hymn **No. 598**

vv. 1, 3

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Benediction

Postlude

*O Worship the King*

Gaspard

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

*We warmly invite all baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, 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. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. 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.*

## 598

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14*

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,  
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,  
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

# 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.

<b>The Spirit of Our Age</b> <i>A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts</i>	
January 11	Acts 1:1-11
January 18	Acts 1:12-26
January 25	Acts 2:1-13
February 1	Acts 2:14-36
February 8	Acts 2:37-47
February 15	Acts 3:1-10
February 22	Acts 3:11-26
March 1	Acts 4:1-22
March 8	Acts 4:23-37
March 15	Acts 5:1-16

**THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages  
 10:00 AM Worship Service

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12**

*Church Offices Closed*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13**

7:00 PM Session Meeting

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages  
 10:00 AM Worship Service

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