



THE  
SPIRIT  
OF OUR  
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



JANUARY 18, 2026

# 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

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Gaspard

*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

*Praise the Lord God, All You Nations*

*Praise the Lord God, all you nations; all you peoples, sing His praise.  
For His truth endures forever, and His steadfast love is great.  
He is faithful! He is faithful! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **No. 47**

vv. 1-3 (See Bulletin)

*All Nations, Clap Your Hands*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 69

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

People: **Let not those who hope in You be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; let not those who seek You be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.**

Leader: But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness.

People: **Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; the offspring of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.**

# All Nations, Clap Your Hands

*God placed all things under His feet.  
—Ephesians 1:22*

# 47B

Psalm 47

1. <sup>1</sup> All na - tions, clap your hands and shout;  
2. <sup>3</sup> He has sub - dued be - neath our feet  
3. <sup>5</sup> God has as - cend - ed with a shout!

To God with joy - ful voic - es sing!  
The na - tions who were once our foes.  
The LORD a - midst the trum - pet's ring.

<sup>2</sup> For awe - some is the LORD Most High,  
<sup>4</sup> And Ja - cob's glo - ry, whom He loves,  
<sup>6</sup> Sing praise! Sing prais - es un - to God!

Who o - ver all the earth is King.  
We now in - her - it as He chose.  
Sing praise! Sing prais - es to our King!

4. <sup>7</sup> For God is King of all the earth;  
Sing praises with a skillful tone.  
<sup>8</sup> God rules the nations from on high;  
God sits upon His holy throne.

5. <sup>9</sup> Leaders of nations join themselves,  
As those of Abr'ham's God they come,  
Because earth's shields belong to God;  
He is the great exalted One.

**THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN**

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Pastor Chace

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

**Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to You that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed Your Word nor followed Your holy commandments. For Your goodness' sake and for Your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news of the gospel: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."*

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.**

**THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 109:1-31

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Hymn of Praise No. 295

vv. 1-3

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*On his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12*

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Special Music

*O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer*

Stiff

Autumn Nuss, *vocalist*; Jimmy Scherer, *cello*; Lans Taylor, *piano*

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul,  
My God, like You there is no other. True delight is found in You alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom, Your love exceeds the heavens' reach;  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, my highest good, and my unending need.*

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart,  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver, and my shield against his hateful darts,  
My song when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise,  
My joy when trials are abounding, Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.*

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life;  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, in my place You suffered, bled, and died.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered. You broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, may all my days bring glory to Your Name.*

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 1:12-26

Sermon

**The Spirit of Our Age**  
Failure and Fulfillment

Pastor Devlin

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*Thanks Be to Thee*

Handel

Sacrament of Baptism

Florence Anne Webster

Congregational Response **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 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 **No. 295**

v. 4

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Benediction

Postlude

*Festive Postlude on "Truro"*

McDonald

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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.*

<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 18**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

*Church Offices Closed*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

7:00 PM Next Gen Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Fusion for MS & HS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

1:00 PM Women's Book Study  
 4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting  
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

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

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