

THE  
SPIRIT  
OF OUR  
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



FEBRUARY 22, 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

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

McDonald

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: Come to the LORD, who is rich in mercy!

People: **We will praise God in the fullness of His grace!**

Choral Introit

*Hear My Prayer, O Lord (Psalm 86)*

*Hear my prayer, O Lord, and answer me. I am poor and needy.  
Save my life for You are the only God, for to You I cry.  
You, O Lord, are full of mercy. Gracious are You, O God.  
Slow to anger, abounding in faithfulness.  
Turn to me, deliver me. Save me in Your love.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 181**

vv. 1-3

*We Come, O Christ, to You*

Responsive Reading Psalm 51

pg. 804, *Trinity Hymnal*

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Responsive Psalm **No. 51D** (See Bulletin)

vv. 5-7

*From My Sins, O Hide Your Face*

## 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, You despise nothing You have made, and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Amen.**

## We Come, O Christ, to You

*I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14:6*

1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
 2. You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som paid;  
 3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in you,  
 4. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to live  
 5. We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King,

by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a -  
 in you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the  
 • the Source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal TRUE! O great I  
 the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give: O ris - en  
 to you our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring: so fill our

lone we live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.  
 throne ab - solved we stand, your love has met your law's de - mand.  
 • AM! In you we rest, sure an - swer to our ev - ery quest.  
 Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life re - new!  
 hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

# Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;

**according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;

**so you are proved right when you  
speak and justified when you  
judge.**

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from  
the time my mother conceived me.

**Surely you desire truth in the inner  
parts; you teach me wisdom in the  
inmost place.**

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be  
clean;

**wash me, and I will be whiter than  
snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the  
bones you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to  
sustain me.

**Then I will teach transgressors your  
ways, and sinners will turn back to  
you.**

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the  
God who saves me, and my tongue  
will sing of your righteousness.

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth  
will declare your praise.**

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I  
would bring it; you do not take  
pleasure in burnt offerings.

**The sacrifices of God are a broken  
spirit; a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise.**

In your good pleasure make Zion  
prosper; build up the walls of  
Jerusalem.

**Then there will be righteous  
sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to  
delight you; then bulls will be  
offered on your altar.**

# From My Sins, O Hide Your Face

*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.*

—Acts 3:19

# 51D

Psalm 51:9-19



5. <sup>9</sup> From my sins, O hide Your face; My in - iq - ui - ties e - rase.  
6. <sup>12</sup> Give sal - va - tion's joy a - gain, And a will - ing mind sus - tain.  
7. <sup>14</sup> From blood - guilt - i - ness, O God, Set me free, my Sav - ior, God.



- <sup>10</sup> O my God, re - new my heart, And a spir - it right im - part.  
<sup>13</sup> Then Your per - fect ways I'll show That trans - gres - sors may them know;  
Then my tongue will joy ex - press, <sup>15</sup> Sing - ing of Your righ - teous - ness.



- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not from You, I pray; Nor Your Ho - ly Spir - it take.  
Sin - ners are con - vert - ed then, Turn - ing back to You a - gain.  
O - pen now my lips, O Lord; From my mouth will praise be poured.



8. <sup>16</sup> Sacrifice You will not take,  
Or the off'ring I would make.  
Off'rings burnt bring no delight,

- <sup>17</sup> But a broken heart, contrite,  
God's accepted sacrifice,  
You, O God, will not despise.

9. <sup>18</sup> Prosper Zion in Your grace;  
Build Jerus'lem's walls in place.

- <sup>19</sup> Then will sacrifices right,  
Off'rings burnt bring You delight;  
Then will men, their vows to pay,  
Bulls upon Your altar lay.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news of the gospel: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.*

Lenten Response (See Bulletin)

*Franklin Agnus Dei*

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Hymn of Praise **No. 598**

vv. 1-3

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Choral Anthem

*Amazing Grace*

Forman

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 3:11-26

Sermon

**The Spirit of Our Age**  
Peter on the Front Porch

Pastor Devlin

# Franklin Agnus Dei

Text: John 1:29

Gregory D Wilbur, 2009

Cm G m/C A<sup>b</sup>/C G m/C A<sup>b</sup>/C B<sup>b</sup>/C G m/C Cm

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

C min G min A<sup>b</sup> G min A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> G min C min

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

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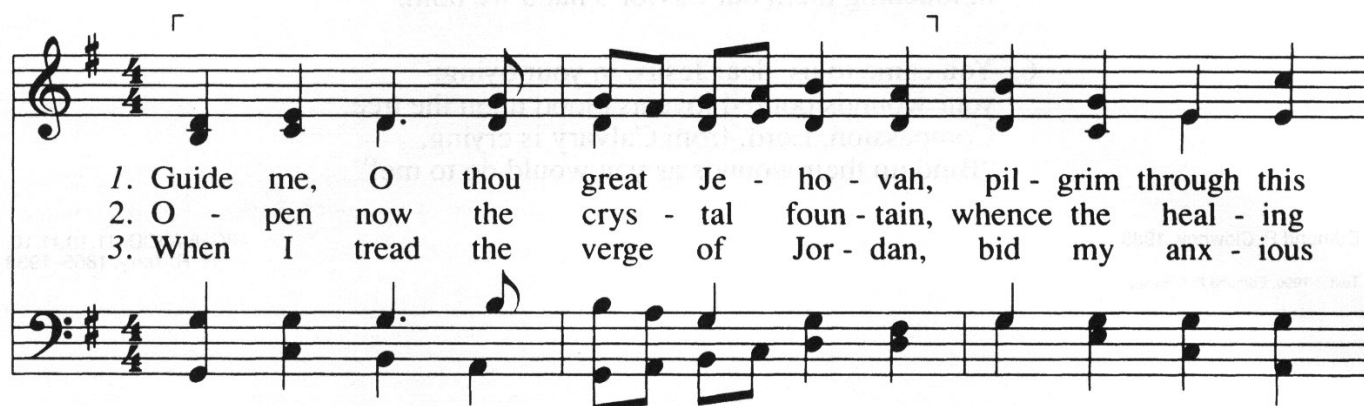
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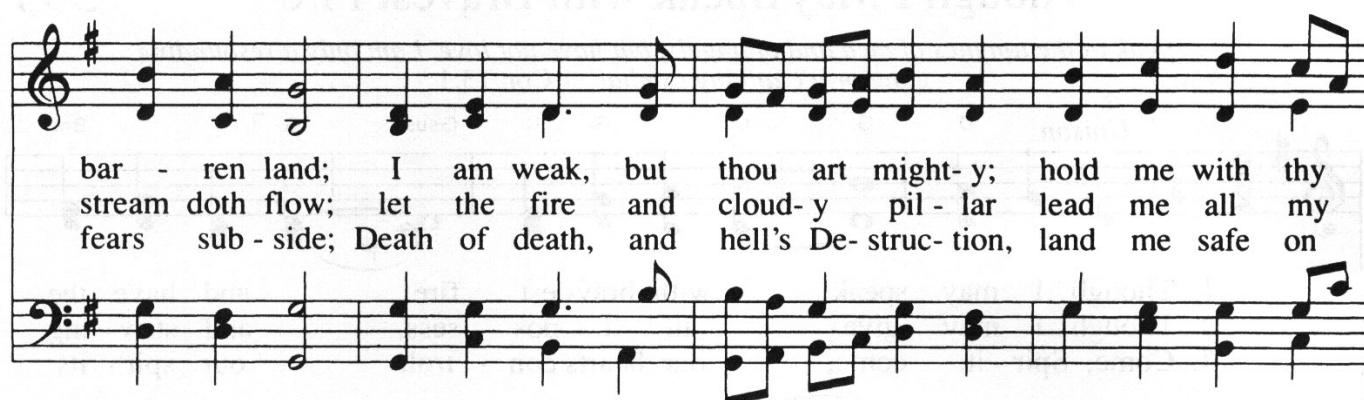
Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

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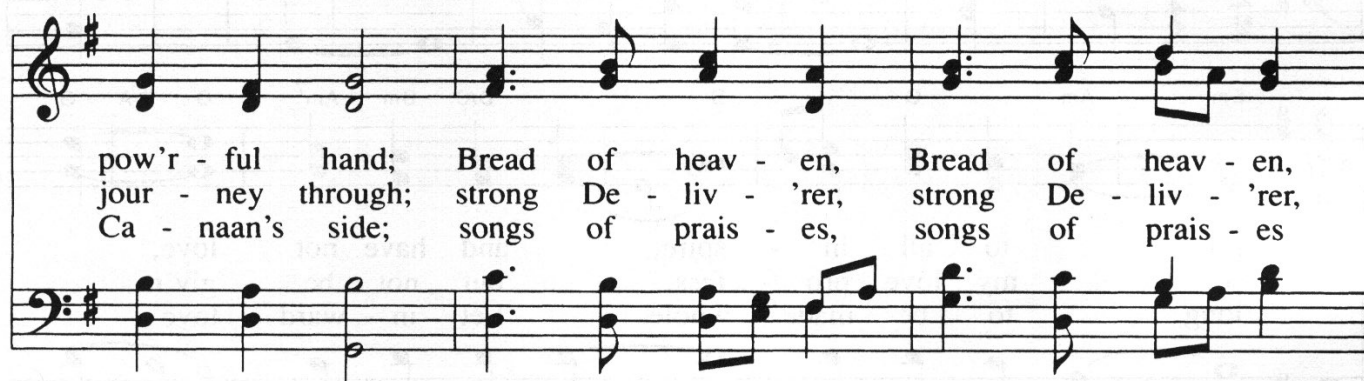
## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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


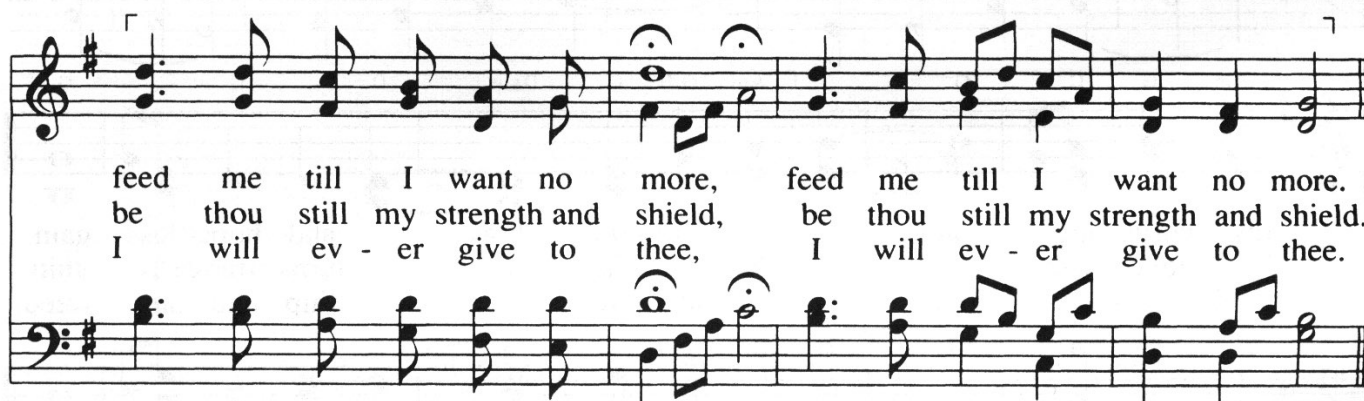
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



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.

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*Poured Out for You*

North

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving for God's Providences

Pastor Bennett

Congregational Response **Psalm 150**

*Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord*

**Sing hallelujah! Praise the LORD!  
Praise God within His sacred courts!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise, praise Him in His heav'nly height!  
Praise, praise Him for His deeds of might!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (\*See bottom of page)

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 or Bulletin

*Come, O Sinner*

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

*Trinity Hymnal*

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

Closing Hymn **No. 181**

v. 4, 5

*We Come, O Christ, to You*

Benediction

Postlude

*Savior, Your Dying Love*

Smith

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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.*

# 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, worshippers 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 worshippers 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). Worshippers 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 worshippers 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>	
February 1	Acts 2:1-13
February 8	Acts 2:14-47
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, FEBRUARY 22**

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

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

*Church Offices Closed*

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

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

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

1:00 PM Women's Book Study  
 4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting  
 7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

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

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