

THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MARCH 8, 2026

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Cox

*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

Ascribe Unto the Lord (Psalm 96)

*Ascribe unto the LORD, all families of the earth,
Ascribe unto the LORD His strength and His most glorious worth.
Ascribe unto the LORD the glory of His name;
Come, make your way into His courts, and bring an offering.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 73**

vv. 1-3

Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

Responsive Reading Psalm 2

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

People: **He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying, "As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill."**

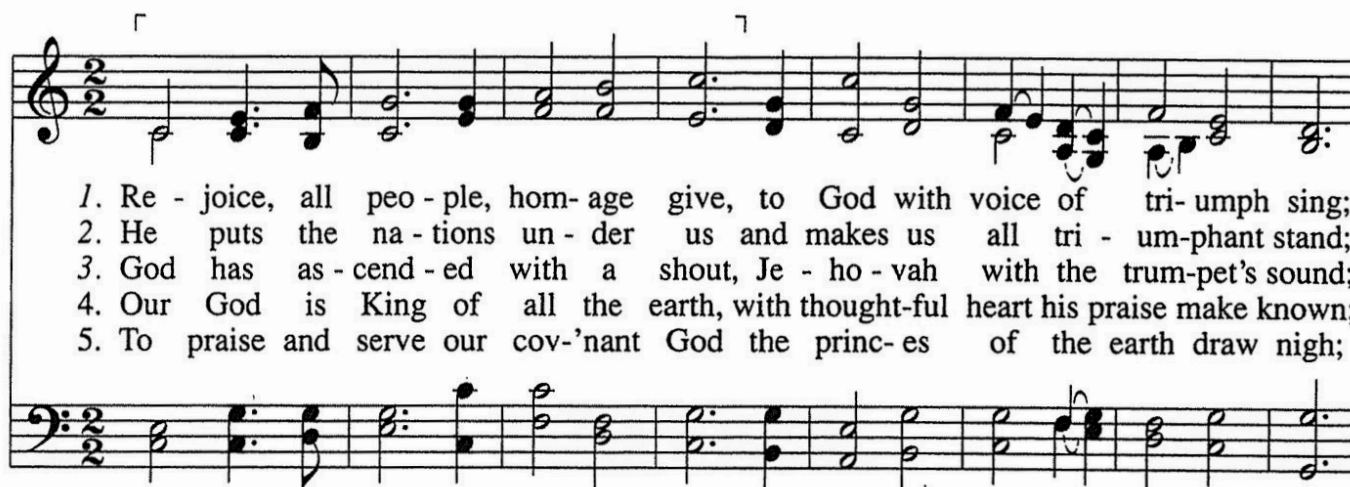
Leader: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

People: **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

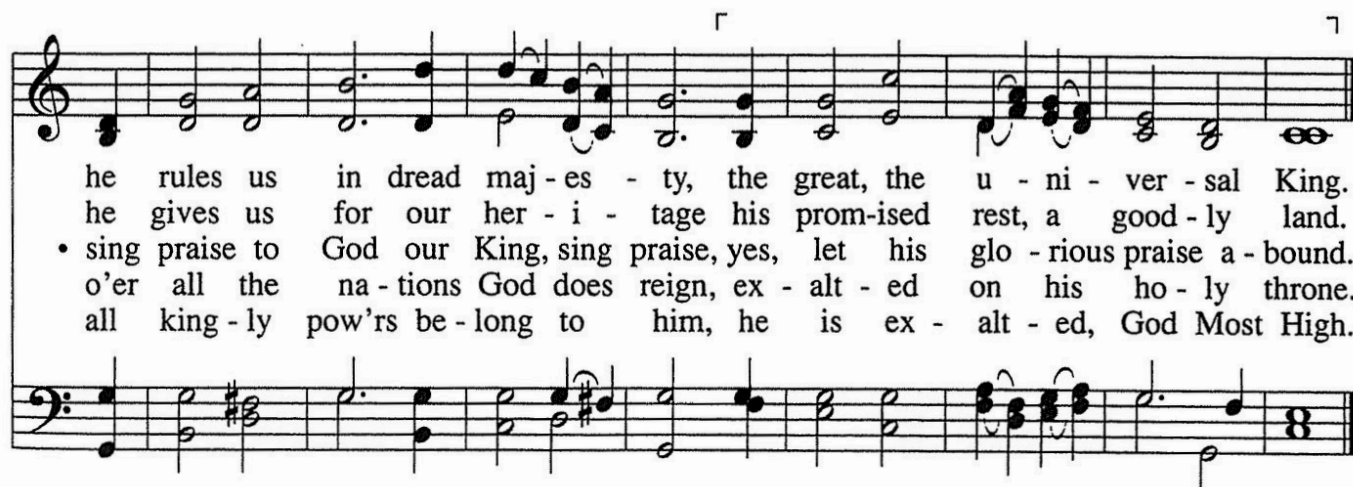
Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

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Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. Ps. 47:1



1. Re - joi - ce, all peo - ple, hom - age give, to God with voice of tri - umph sing;
2. He puts the na - tions un - der us and makes us all tri - um - phant stand;
3. God has as - cend - ed with a shout, Je - ho - vah with the trum - pet's sound;
4. Our God is King of all the earth, with thought - ful heart his praise make known;
5. To praise and serve our cov - nant God the princ - es of the earth draw nigh;



he rules us in dread maj - es - ty, the great, the u - ni - ver - sal King.
he gives us for our her - i - tage his prom - ised rest, a good - ly land.
• sing praise to God our King, sing praise, yes, let his glo - rious praise a - bound.
o'er all the na - tions God does reign, ex - alt - ed on his ho - ly throne.
all king - ly pow'rs be - long to him, he is ex - alt - ed, God Most High.

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.

Merciful Father, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news of the gospel:
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins,
might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. 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 15:1-11

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Hymn of Praise No. 285

vv. 1-3

Jesus, Lord, Redeemer

Franklin Agnus Dei

Text: John 1:29

Gregory D Wilbur, 2009

Cm G m/C A^b/C G m/C A^b/C B^b/C G m/C Cm

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

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line of quarter notes (G2, F2, E2, D2) and a treble line of chords and single notes.

C min G min A^b G min A^b B^b G min C min

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic and harmonic structure.

C min G min A^b B^b F min C min

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic and harmonic structure.

G min A^b B^b A^b B^b C no/C

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

The fourth system consists of three identical phrases. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic and harmonic structure.

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Jesus, Lord, Redeemer

Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Luke 24:32

1. Je - sus, Lord, Re - deem - er, once for sin - ners slain,
 2. Faith - ful ones, com - mun - ing toward the close of day,
 3. In the up - per cham - ber, where the ten in fear

cru - ci - fied in weak - ness, raised in pow'r, to reign,
 des - o - late and wea - ry, met you in the way.
 gath - ered sad and trou - bled, there you did ap - pear.

dwell - ing with the Fa - ther, end - less in your days,
 So, when sun is set - ting, come to us and show
 So, O Lord, this eve - ning, bid our sor - rows cease;

un - to you be glo - ry, hon - or, bless - ing, praise.
 all the truth; and in us make our hearts to glow.
 breath - ing on us, Sav - ior, say, "I give you peace."

*None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in Heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee. None beside Thee.*

*My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me,
By the deep thunder of its want and woe
Cries out to Thee. Cries out to Thee.*

*Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be:
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home, but Thee. Nor home, but Thee.*

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 4:23-37

Sermon

The Spirit of Our Age
Our Common Lord

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Meditation

Larson

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers for Wars to Cease

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

Come, O Sinner

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

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Psalm **No. 67** (*See Bulletin*)

vv. 1, 3

O God, to Us Show Mercy

Benediction

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

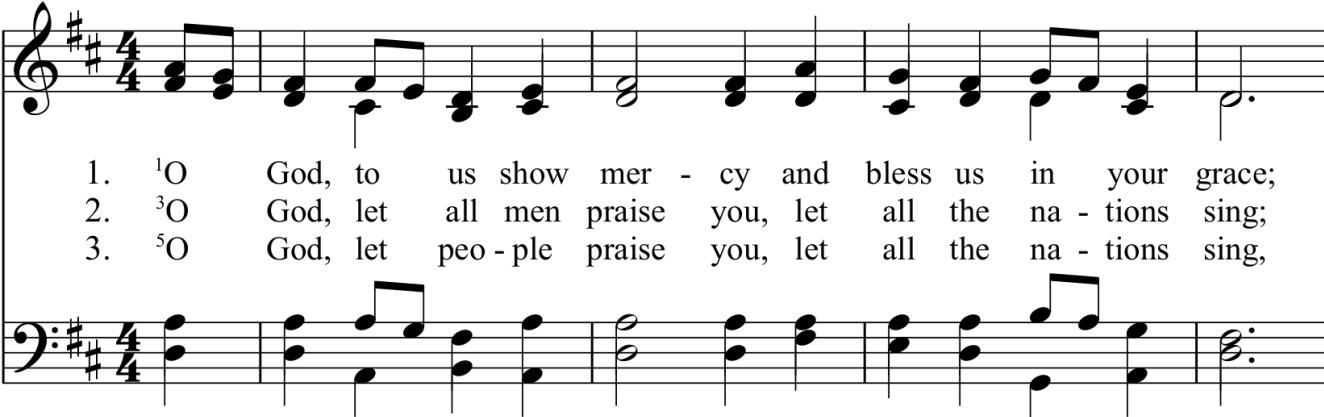
Sewel

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

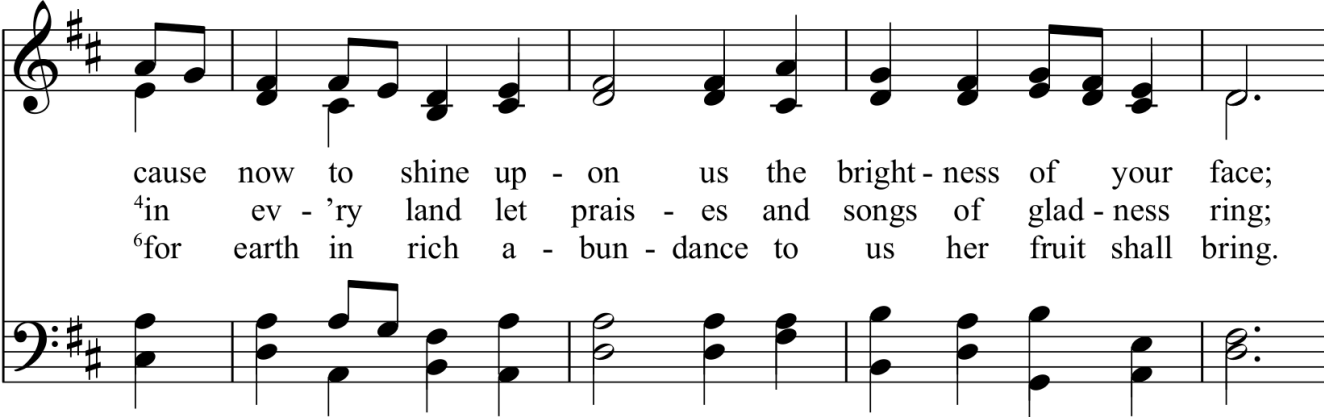
We warmly invite all baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table, we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to 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.

O God, to Us Show Mercy

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1. ¹O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in your grace;
 2. ³O God, let all men praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
 3. ⁵O God, let peo - ple praise you, let all the na - tions sing,



cause now to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face;
⁴in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring;
⁶for earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit shall bring.



²that so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
 for you shall judge the peo - ple in truth and righ - teous - ness,
⁷The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall bless - ing send,



and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
 and through the earth the na - tions shall your just rule con - fess.
 and all the earth shall fear him to its re - mot - est end.

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.

The Spirit of Our Age <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, MARCH 8

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 6:30 PM Women's Dessert and
 Game Night

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

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