



THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MARCH 22, 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

The Glory of These Forty Days
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

McConnell

*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

Hallelujah, Praise the Lord's Name (Psalm 135)

*Hallelujah! Praise the LORD's name! Praise Him, servants of the LORD,
You that in the LORD's house serve Him, in God's courtyard standing guard.
Praise the LORD! How good the LORD is! Sing His name - how sweet its tone!
For the LORD has chosen Jacob, Israel to be His own.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 66**

vv. 1-4

God Is Known among His People

Responsive Reading Psalm 142

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.
I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell my trouble before Him.

**People: When my spirit faints within me, You know my way! In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me. Look to the right and see: there is none who
takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.**

Leader: I cry to You, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they
are too strong for me!

**People: Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! The righteous will
surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.**

Responsive Psalm **No. 7A** (See Bulletin)

vv. 1-3

O Lord, My God, I Take Refuge

God Is Known among His People

66

In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. Ps. 76:1

1. God is known a - mong his peo - ple, ev - ery mouth his praise - es fill;
 2. Ex - cel - lent and glo - rious are you, with your tro - phies from the fray;
 3. When from heav'n your sen - tence sound - ed, all the earth in fear was still,
 4. Vow and pay un - to Je - ho - vah, him your God for - ev - er own;

from of old he has es - tab - lished his a - bode on Zi - on's hill;
 you have slain the might - y war - riors, wrapped in sleep of death are they;
 while to save the meek and low - ly God in judg - ment wrought his will;
 all men, bring your gifts be - fore him, wor - ship him, and him a - lone;

there he broke the sword and ar - row, bade the noise of war be still.
 when your an - ger once is ris - en, who can stand in that dread day?
 e'en the wrath of man shall praise you, your de - signs it shall ful - fil.
 might - y kings o - bey and fear him, princ - es bow be - fore his throne.

O LORD, My God, I Take Refuge

*All the churches shall know that I am He
who searches the minds and hearts. — Revelation 2:23*

7A

Psalm 7:1-9

1. ¹ O LORD, my God, I take re - fuge in You;
2. ³ O LORD my God, if my hands were un - just,
3. ⁶ LORD, rise in an - ger, and be my de - fense

O save me from all those who have pur - sued.
⁴ Harm - ing my foes or my friends in their trust,
A - gainst my en - e - my's rage so in - tense;

² Lest they should tear me like li - ons with prey;
⁵ Let my pur - su - er come near and sur - round,
Rise, bring the judg - ment that You have de - creed.

With none to res - cue, they'd drag me a - way.
Tramp - ling my life in the dust of the ground.
⁷ Let peo - ples come and with You gath - ered be.

4. Come back to rule over them from on high. 5. ⁹ O let the evil of wicked men cease,
⁸ The LORD will judge as the nations draw nigh. And all the righteous establish in peace;
My cause is right, LORD, O vindicate me; God who is righteous examines and finds
Judge me as You my integrity see. All of the depths of men's hearts and their minds.

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, because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of Your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors. By ourselves, we are weak, and our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:

“Christ died for your sins. He made a full atonement for you. We are forgiven, and we have the promise of eternal life. In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.”

Lenten Response (See Bulletin)

Franklin Agnus Dei

Confirmand Confession of Faith (See inside back cover of bulletin)

Noah Henrick Chace

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Chronicles 6:34-42

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Lenten Hymn **No. 242**

vv. 1-5

Not All the Blood of Beasts

Choral Anthem

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Rouse

Justine Campagna, violin

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!*

*What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior; 'tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor; vouchsafe to me Thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee.*

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.

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.

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

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

G min A^b B^b A^b B^b Cno/C

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

Not All the Blood of Beasts

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It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Heb. 10:4

1. Not all the blood of beasts on Jew - ish al - tars slain,
2. But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way,
3. My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine,
4. My soul looks back to see the bur - dens thou didst bear,
5. Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;

could give the guilt - y con - science peace, or wash a - way the stain:
a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
• while like a pen - i - tent I stand, and there con - fess my sin.
when hang - ing on the curs - ed tree, and knows her guilt was there.
we bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice, and sing his bleed - ing love.

Isaac Watts, 1709
Alt. 1961

FESTAL SONG S.M.
William H. Walter, 1894

**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 5:17-42

Sermon

**The Spirit of Our Age
We Must Obey God**

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Were You There?

Giamanco

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for the Sick

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 next 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. 7A** (*See Bulletin*)

vv. 4, 5

O Lord, My God, I Take Refuge

Benediction

Postlude

Jesus Paid it All

Snow

****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.

Confession of Faith

Noah Henrick Chace

My name is Noah Chace, and I was born into a Christian family. I have been a Christian for as long as I can remember. I have a fond memory of when I was about six years old, on a long family road trip in which I decided that I really did want to be a Christian. I remember praying to God because I wanted a personal relationship with Him. That was the beginning of a long climb in faith. When I was nine years old, my four siblings and I were all baptized together, as my entire family came into the Reformed faith. I am grateful that the Lord has given me a good family, a strong and growing Christian faith, and a church that nurtures them both.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, and I believe in the Holy Spirit; these three are one God, the same in substance and equal in both power and glory. I believe that God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, and truth. I believe that I am saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, to the glory of God alone. I believe that I am justified by faith, and this justification is an act of free grace, wherein God pardons all of my sins and accepts me as righteous in his sight. I believe that this is not my own righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ imputed to me. I believe that Jesus Christ is the only redeemer of God's elect, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever. I believe that Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church, one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Over the last couple of years, I've realized just how crucial it is to participate in the life of the church, and I look forward with anticipation to my full membership here at Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church. Over the years, I have watched my parents, and therefore my entire family, grow in many ways. My Dad became a pastor, and my Mom a pastor's wife. They are my biggest role models, and one day, I look forward to raising my family in the church, hopefully right here at Beverly Heights. I want to continue growing in my relationship with Christ, by knowing Him more deeply and serving His Church. One day, I aspire to be an elder, leading the church and discerning the mind of Christ in Session. I would like to thank Mr. O'Boyle, my sponsor, for helping me along the way and showing me what it means to be a godly man. I would like to thank Pastor Nate for teaching our confirmation class and leading the way for all of us confirmands, and I would like to thank my parents for being with me every step of the way.

The Spirit of Our Age <i>A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts</i>	
March 22	Acts 5:17-42
March 29	Acts 6:1-7
April 5	Acts 6:8-15
April 12	Acts 7:1-50
April 19	Acts 7:51-60
April 26	Acts 8:1-8
May 3	Acts 8:9-25
May 10	Acts 8:26-40
May 17	Acts 9:1-19a
May 24	Acts 9:19b-31
May 31	Acts 9:32-43

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 4:30 PM Hosanna in the Heights

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 4:30 PM Hosanna in the Heights

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