



THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MARCH 29, 2026

Beverly Heights United

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor
Jinna Park, *Organist and Accompanist*

McDonald

*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: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Processional Hymn (*see next page of bulletin*)

vv. 1-4

Jesus Is Our King

Prayer of Invocation

Responsive Reading: from Psalm 118

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

People: **You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Responsive Hymn **No. 237**

vv. 1-3

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Jesus Is Our King

Sherrell Prebble and Howard Clark

'Post Green'
Sherrell Prebble

With joyful dignity

Refrain in unison

*E(C) G#m(Em) A(F) E(C) F#m(Dm)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen - ing our

E/B(C/G) B7(G7) E(C) G#m(Em)

hearts to him, Sing - ing al - le - lu - ia!

A(F) E(C) F#m(Dm) B7(G7) E(C) *Fine*

Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is our King!

C#m(Am) B(G)

1. Cre - ate in us, — O God, A
2. We bear the name — of Christ.
3. Let kin - dred voic - es join,
4. Pour out your Spi - rit on us, Em -

A(F) E(C) A(F) E(C) B(G) E(C) G#m(Em)

hum - ble heart that sets us free To pro - claim the won - drous
Jus - ti - fied, we meet with him. His — words and pres - ence
Hon - our - ing the Lamb of God Who — teach - es us by
power - ing us to live as one, To — car - ry your re -

A(F) E(C) F#m(Dm) B(G) *D.C.*

maj - es - ty Of our Fa - ther in heav - en.
calm our fear, Re - veal - ing God, our Fa - ther, here.
bread and wine The — mys - tery of his bo - dy.
deem - ing love To a world en - slaved by sin. —

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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Say to the Daughter of Zion, "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey." Matt. 21:5

1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed
 4. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die: O Christ, your tri - umphs
 • squad - rons of the sky look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die; bow your meek head to

sue your road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 • won - d'ring eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Sin, Followed by Silent Confession

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

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected You, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more spectacle than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as Your own. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: "For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him should be saved. In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven."

Lenten Response (*see next page*)

Franklin Agnus Dei

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

Theodore Robert Cheung Wen Tan

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

New Testament Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Responsive Hymn **No. 237**

vv. 4, 5

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Choral Anthem

Hosanna to Jesus
Chad Winkler, trumpet

Courtney

*Hosanna to Jesus, our Savior and King, to Jesus, the mighty to save.
The legions of darkness He captive has led and opened the door of the grave.*

Refrain: *Hosanna! Hosanna! All glory to Him Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Through whom is salvation to all that believe and trust in His life giving word.*

*The kingdoms of earth shall be crumbled to dust, their thrones and their splendor shall fall;
But Jesus, exalted forever, shall reign Creator and Monarch of all.*

*"Hosanna to Jesus," O sound it abroad, His wonderful mercy make known,
That every poor wanderer away from the fold may come and be saved at His throne.*

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.*

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.

Cmin Gmin A^b Gmin A^b B^b Gmin Cmin

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

Cmin Gmin A^b B^b Fmin Cmin

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

Gmin A^b B^b A^b B^b Cno/C

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

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-7

Sermon

The Spirit of Our Age
Christ and Your Problems

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

Berry

Sacrament of Baptism

Brooke Felicity and Theo Matthias Brodzinski

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 Hymn **No. 235**

vv. 1, 3

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Benediction

Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Gaspard

***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.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Confession of Faith

Theodore Robert Cheung Wen Tan

I can't remember a time when I haven't gone to church here at Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church. I was raised in a Christian home, and my parents brought me to church every Sunday. What I can remember, though, is how I didn't always want to go to church. It was a struggle for my parents to bring me, and I distinctly remember times when I didn't stand for songs. I thought of it as just something I did on Sundays and how I'd rather be at home than worshipping the Lord. But in the past few years, I've grown to love church. I love being with all my friends and family, I love serving in the kitchen and the tech booth, and, most of all, I love worshipping the Lord. From confessing and repenting to singing to Him, I experience the joy of the Lord every Sunday. But the most important time in my walk with the Lord was when I prayed for the Lord's will to be done in my life and not my own. I remember at this past snow camp, sitting on a bench, head down, talking to God. I remember asking Him to come into my life and change it, and I remember how different my life was after. Now, I read my Bible every day and pray earnestly, and I'm so glad I do.

I believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, exists in hypostatic union, meaning He is 100% man and 100% God. I believe that Jesus came down from heaven. I believe that He was born on this earth to serve, crucified for our sins, and rose again on the third day. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, and how He helps guide us into all the truth. I believe the work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good. I believe that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, to the glory of God alone. I believe all that the Bible says, every word. I believe that it is infallible and inerrant. I believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

I really hope that I can be more involved in the church for so many reasons. I want to be a good husband and father who takes his kids to church every Sunday and tells them all about the Lord. But for that, I need to be consistent in my walk. I need to repent for my sins and forgive just as much. I need the Lord here, present in my life, every step of the way. Being a fully fledged member of this church will guide me into the maturity that God calls me to as a Christian man. This church has been with me from the very start, and I want to be a part of it for as long as I can. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me throughout my entire life and never giving up on me. I want to thank my siblings for being such good friends and examples. I really look up to you guys. I want to thank all the pastors of this church, namely Pastor Chace, for helping me during confirmation and teaching amazing lessons to me.

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> | |
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| 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 29

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

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner
 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

10:00 AM Worship Service
 11:30 AM Easter Fellowship Brunch

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