

THE SPIRIT OF OUR AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



APRIL 19, 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

Now Thank We All Our God
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Larson

*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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Congregational Introit **Psalm 117** (See Bulletin)

Praise the LORD God, All You Nations

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 266**

vv. 1-4

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Responsive Reading from Psalm 11

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, “Flee like a bird to your mountain, for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.

People: If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

Leader: The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD’S throne is in heaven; His eyes see, His eyelids test the children of man. The LORD tests the righteous, but His soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

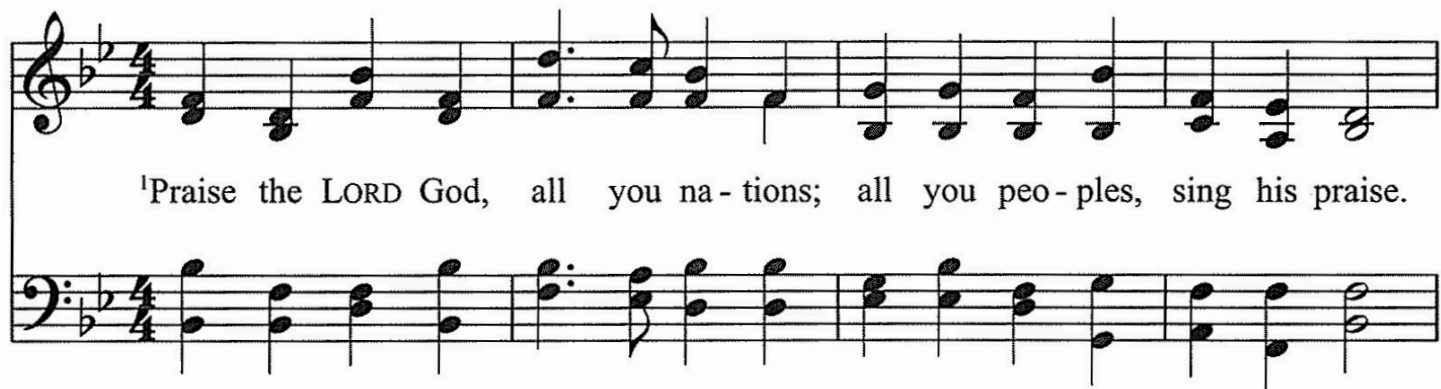
People: Let Him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold His face.

Responsive Psalm **No. 119** (See Bulletin)

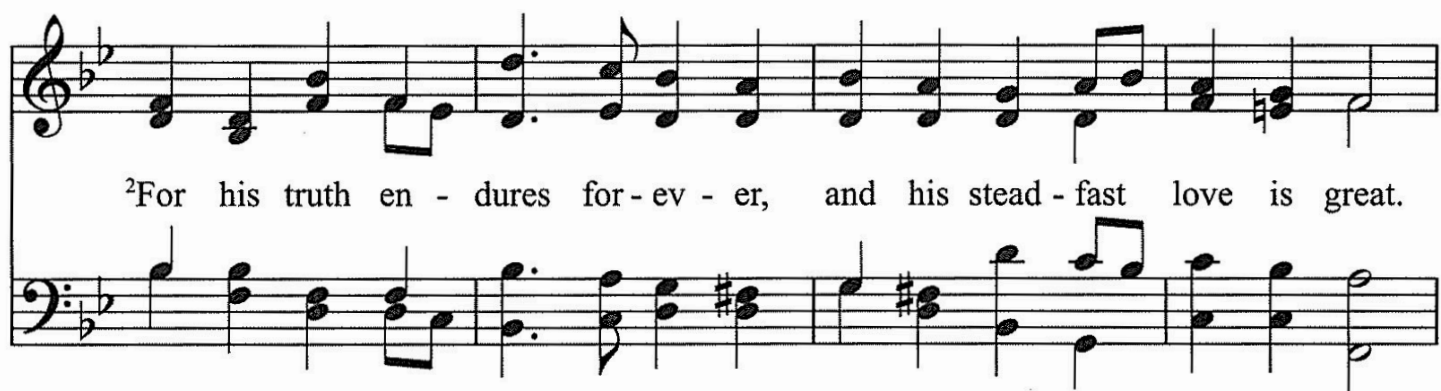
vv. 1, 2

Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path

117B Praise the LORD God, All You Nations



¹Praise the LORD God, all you na-tions; all you peo-ples, sing his praise.



²For his truth en-dures for-ev-er, and his stead-fast love is great.



He is faith-ful! He is faith-ful! Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise the LORD!

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

266

I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Ex. 15:1

F C⁷ F Dm C F B^b F C

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

G⁷ C Am C G⁷ C

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

C⁷ F C F D Gm B^b F C

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

F C⁷ F⁷ B^b Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ C⁷ F

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 thine own peace, which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

119N Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path

1. ¹⁰⁵Your word sheds light up - on my path; a shin - ing
 2. ¹⁰⁷Se - vere af - flic - tion, LORD, is mine; send help ac -
 3. ¹⁰⁹In con - stant dan - ger is my life, your righ - teous
 4. ¹¹¹Your pre - cepts are my her - i - tage; they dai - ly

lamp, it guides my feet; ¹⁰⁶your righ - teous judg - ments
 cord - ing to your word. ¹⁰⁸Ac - cept my sac - ri -
 law I'll not for - get. ¹¹⁰I have not from your
 make my heart re - joice. ¹¹²To keep your stat - utes

to ob - serve, my sol - emn vow I now re - peat.
 fice of praise and make me know your judg - ments, LORD.
 pre - cepts strayed, de - spite the snares the wick - ed set.
 faith - ful - ly shall ev - er be my will - ing choice.

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 have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven."

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: Exodus 33:1-11

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Psalm of Praise **No. 119** (See Bulletin)

vv. 3, 4

Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path

Special Music

Sing Praise to the Lord!

Shaw

Elissa Winkler, *mezzo-soprano*; Chad Winkler, *piano*

**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 7:51-60

Sermon

The Spirit of Our Age
Irreconcilable Differences

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Meditation on "The Lord's My Shepherd"

McDonald

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for Unity

Pastor Bennett

Congregational Response No. 734

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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. 274**

vv. 1-3

Thine Be the Glory

Benediction

Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Rowland-Raybold

****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.

Thine Be the Glory

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

REFRAIN

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

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>	
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, APRIL 19

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 PM Next Gen Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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

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