



THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MAY 3, 2026

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Elissa Winkler, Director of Music in Worship

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Mansfield

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Choral Introit (Psalm 67)

O God, Show Mercy to Us

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with Your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of Your face; So that the whole world over may truly know Your way, and so that Your salvation all nations see displayed. O God, let peoples praise You; let all the peoples praise. Let nations come rejoicing and songs of gladness raise.

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 115**

vv. 1-3

All Creatures of Our God and King

Responsive Reading from Psalm 78:32-39

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Leader: In spite of all this, they still sinned; despite His wonders, they did not believe. So He made their days vanish like a breath, and their years in terror.

People: When He killed them, they sought Him; they repented and sought God earnestly. They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God their redeemer.

Leader: But they flattered Him with their mouths; they lied to Him with their tongues. Their heart was not steadfast toward Him; they were not faithful to His covenant.

People: Yet He, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; He restrained His anger often and did not stir up all His wrath. He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and comes not again.

Responsive Hymn **No. 115**

vv. 4, 5

All Creatures of Our God and King

All Creatures of Our God and King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD: your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

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

Oh Lord, if at times, we deny You: forgive us. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found: forgive us. When we wash our hands of responsibility: forgive us. When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver: forgive us. When fear keeps us from witnessing to Your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: forgive us. In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and Your grace is revealed. Father, raise us in Your love so that, with joy, we may witness to Your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:

“If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.” 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: Isaiah 55:1-13

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Psalm of Praise **No. 22** (See Bulletin)

vv. 12-14

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

Choral Anthem

Open My Eyes that I May See

Purifoy

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.
Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Open my eyes, open my ears, open my mouth, open my heart, Spirit divine.*

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

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Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. — Matthew 28:19

Psalms 22:27-31

12. ²⁷ All ends of earth will turn to Him; The LORD they
13. ²⁹ All those who prosper in the earth Will eat and
14. ³⁰ A seed will rise to do His will, And of the

will a - gain re - call. The na-tions' fam - 'lies all will come,
low be - fore Him bend; And in His pres - ence all will bow,
Lord be made a - ware. ³¹ The gen - er - a - tion that will come

To wor - ship and be - fore Him fall, ²⁸ Be - cause the
Who help - less to the dust de - scend, Who e - ven
Will then His righ - teous - ness de - clare To peo - ple

LORD the king - dom owns And rules a - bove all earth - ly thrones.
though they vain - ly strive, Can nev - er keep their souls a - live.
who are yet to be, That He has done this; it was He.

**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 8:9-25

Sermon

The Spirit of Our Age
The Heart of the Matter

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

This Is My Father's World

Krug

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for the Intent of Our Hearts

Pastor Chace

Congregational Response No. 734

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

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 to the Waters

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen No. 740

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn No. 340

vv. 1-3

Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell

Benediction

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Gaspard

Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell

340

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Eph. 3:17

1. Come, dear - est Lord, de - scend and dwell by faith and
2. Come, fill our hearts with in - ward strength; make our en -
3. Now to the God whose pow'r can do more than our

love in ev - 'ry breast; then shall we know and
larg - ed souls pos - sess and learn the height, and
thoughts or wish - es know, be ev - er - last - ing

taste and feel the joys that can - not be ex - pressed.
breadth, and length of your un - mea - sur - a - ble grace.
hon - ors done by all the church, through Christ his Son.

Isaac Watts, 1709
Mod.

FEDERAL STREET L.M.
Henry K. Oliver, 1832

****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.

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, MAY 3

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

THURSDAY, MAY 7

4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting
 7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, MAY 4

Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY, MAY 8

TUESDAY, MAY 5

SATURDAY, MAY 9

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
 10:00 AM Women's Brunch
 and Prayer Shower

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM BHCA Fine Arts Night

SUNDAY, MAY 10

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

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