

THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MAY 10, 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Gaspar

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 100)

All Earth, With Joy

*All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voices ringing.
With gladness serve the LORD; come to Him joyfully singing.
The LORD is God. Know that He made us His own. We are the sheep of His pasture.*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, to His courts come praising.
To Him be thankful, and bless His name, your voices raising.
The LORD is good; His lovingkindness endures, His faithfulness lasts forever.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 604**

vv. 1-4

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Responsive Reading from Psalm 68

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him. Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.

People: Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary— the singers in front, the musicians last, between them virgins playing tambourines: “Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who are of Israel’s fountain!”

Leader: Summon Your power, O God, the power, O God, by which You have worked for us. Because of Your temple at Jerusalem kings shall bear gifts to You.

People: Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples. Trample underfoot those who lust after tribute; scatter the peoples who delight in war. Nobles shall come from Egypt; Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.

Responsive Hymn No. 604

vv. 5, 6

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

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.

Grant, Almighty God, that as we are prone to every kind of wickedness and are easily led away to imitate it, when there is any excuse for going astray and any opportunity is offered – O grant, that being strengthened by the help of Your Spirit, we may continue in purity of faith, and that what we have learned concerning You, that You are a Spirit, may so profit us, that we may worship You in Spirit and with sincere hearts, and never turn aside after the corruptions of the world, nor think we can deceive You; but may we so devote our souls and bodies to You, that our lives may in every part testify, that we are a pure and holy sacrifices to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: "As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us." 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.**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?... He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Ps. 24:3, 4

1. Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
 2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid - ens meek,
 3. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
 4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song; God's won - drous prais - es speak.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

REFRAIN

Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing.
 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce,

5. At last the march shall end,
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,
 Jerusalem the blest.

6. Then on, ye pure in heart,
 rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
 your glorious banner wave on high,
 the cross of Christ your King.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 56:1-8

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Psalm of Praise **No. 96D** (See Bulletin)

vv. 5 - 8

Ascribe Unto the Lord

Choral Anthem

What God Ordains

Bauder

*What God ordains is always good, His will is just and holy;
And though the path be wrought with thorns, I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed in every need knows well how He will shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me, to Him, then, I will yield me.*

*What God ordains is always good: He is my Friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm, though many storms may gather.
Now I may know both joy and woe, someday I shall see clearly
That He hath loved me dearly, that He hath loved me dearly.*

*What God ordains is always good: though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take without shrinking.
For after grief God gives relief, my heart with comfort filling,
And all my sorrow stilling, and all my sorrow stilling.*

*What God ordains is always good: this truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with His arm He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me, so to my God I yield me. Amen.*

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 8:26-40

Sermon

Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
The Hand of Providence

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Stanley

Pastoral Prayer

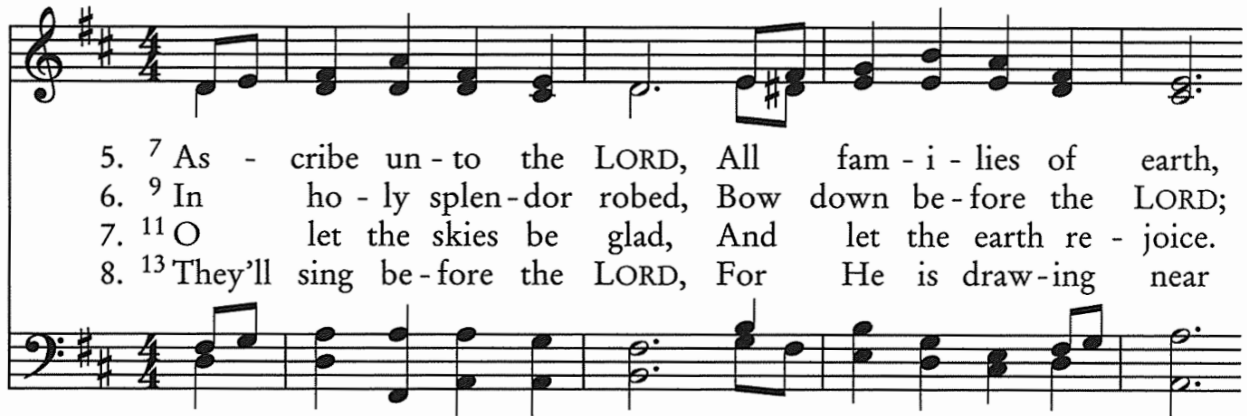
Prayer for Our Witness to Christ

Pastor Bennett

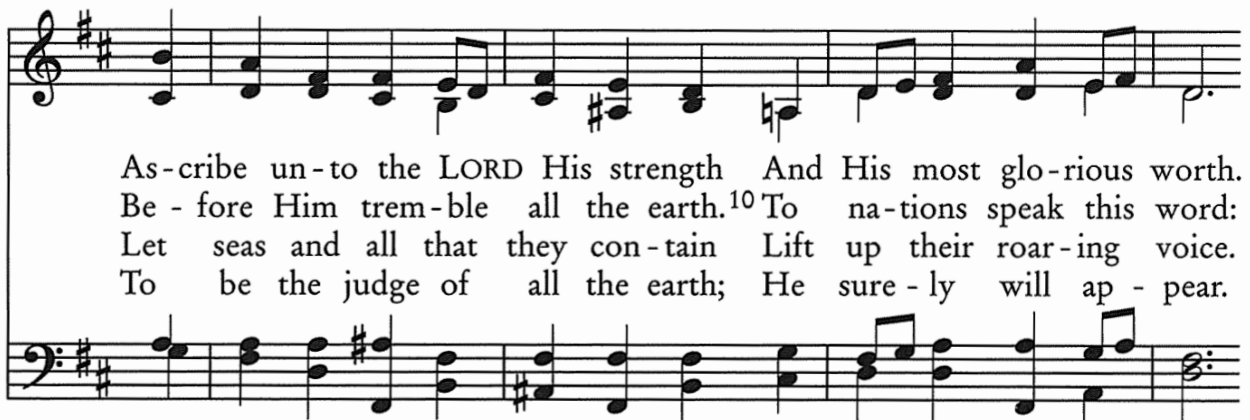
Ascribe Unto the LORD

*"Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
—Revelation 22:20*

96D
Psalm 96:7-13



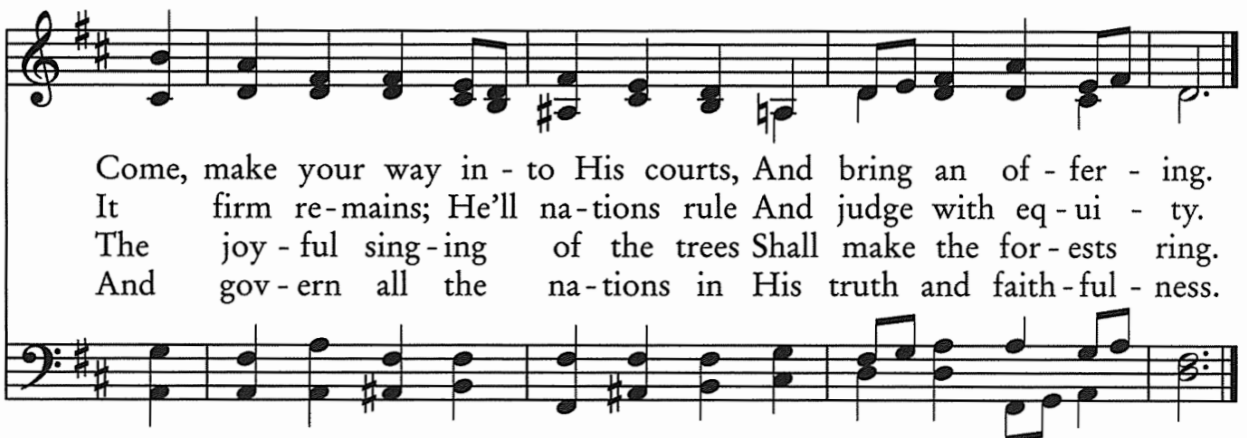
5. ⁷ As - crite un - to the LORD, All fam - i - lies of earth,
6. ⁹ In ho - ly splen - dor robed, Bow down be - fore the LORD;
7. ¹¹ O let the skies be glad, And let the earth re - joice.
8. ¹³ They'll sing be - fore the LORD, For He is draw - ing near



As - crite un - to the LORD His strength And His most glo - rious worth.
Be - fore Him trem - ble all the earth. ¹⁰ To na - tions speak this word:
Let seas and all that they con - tain Lift up their roar - ing voice.
To be the judge of all the earth; He sure - ly will ap - pear.



⁸ As - crite un - to the LORD The glo - ry of His name;
"The LORD reigns o - ver all!" The world un - moved will be,
¹² Let ev - ery beast ex - ult, Let fields with glad - ness sing;
Then He will rule the world In per - fect righ - teous - ness,



Come, make your way in - to His courts, And bring an of - fer - ing.
It firm re - mains; He'll na - tions rule And judge with eq - ui - ty.
The joy - ful sing - ing of the trees Shall make the for - ests ring.
And gov - ern all the na - tions in His truth and faith - ful - ness.

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 page)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

*Please note: we will eat together in the pen.
Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pen.
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

Amazing Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen No. 740

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn No. 598

vv. 1, 3

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

Hayes

****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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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, worshippers 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 worshippers 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). Worshippers 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 worshippers 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, MAY 10

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

MONDAY, MAY 11

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 12

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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

THURSDAY, MAY 14

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

FRIDAY, MAY 15

SATURDAY, MAY 16

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, MAY 17

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

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