



THE
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A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MAY 24, 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

Come, Thou Almighty King
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Gaspar

*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: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost!

People: Come, Holy Spirit, that we may worship in Spirit and in Truth!

Choral Introit (Psalm 104)

Bless the Lord, My Soul

*Bless the LORD, my soul! O LORD my God, You are so very great.
You are clothed with glorious beauty, wrapped in robes of holy light.
He who stretches out the heavens, like a curtain vast and wide,
Builds His great celestial chambers on the heavenly waters high.*

*I will praise the LORD my God with all my life and all my voice.
May my meditation please Him, for I, in the LORD, rejoice.
Let all sinners be demolished; let the wicked be no more!
Bless the LORD, my soul, O praise Him! Come, my soul, and praise the LORD!*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 101**

vv. 1-4

Come, Thou Almighty King

Responsive Reading from Psalm 104

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

People: He lays the beams of His chambers on the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He rides on the wings of the wind; He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Come, Thou Almighty King

101

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14

Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

Musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

Musical notation for the third system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

People: May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

Responsive Hymn No. 331

vv. 1-4

Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a humble heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness

Leader: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

People: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

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

Almighty God, You poured out Your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the power of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. 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.**

Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

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*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—
the Spirit of truth. John 14:16, 17*

1. Come, O come, thou quick - 'ning Spir - it, God from all e -
 2. Grant our hearts in full - est mea - sure wis - dom, coun - sel,
 3. Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; when we tres - pass
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, strong and might - y, thou who mak - est

ter - ni - ty! May thy pow - er nev - er fail us;
 pu - ri - ty, that we ev - er may be seek - ing
 on our way, cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind thee
 all things new, make thy work with - in us per - fect

dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
 on - ly that which pleas - eth thee. Let thy knowl - edge
 and be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
 and the e - vil foe sub - due. Grant us weap - ons

life and light ban - ish all the gloom of night.
 spread and grow, work - ing er - ror's o - ver - throw.
 Lord, re - call; work re - pen - tance when we fall.
 for the strife and with vic - t'ry crown our life.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Psalm of Praise **No. 47** (See Bulletin)

vv. 1-3

All Nations, Clap Your Hands

Choral Anthem

Come, Spirit, Come

Larson

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Your rest;
Come with Your grace and heavenly aid;
Come fill our hearts which You have made.
O Comforter, to You we cry, O heavenly Gift of God most high;
O fount of life and fire of love, come, sweet anointing from above.
Come, Spirit, come, come fill our souls.
Come, Spirit, come, come and make us whole.
We praise the Lord, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow all gifts from whom the Spirit flow.
Come, Spirit, come, come fill our souls.
Come, Spirit, come, come and make us whole.*

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 9:19b-31

Sermon

Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
The Immediacy of Delay

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Offertory on "Jewel"

Smith

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for the Holy Spirit to Bless

Pastor Bennett

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.**

All Nations, Clap Your Hands

*God placed all things under His feet.
—Ephesians 1:22*

47B

Psalm 47

1. ¹ All na - tions, clap your hands and shout;
2. ³ He has sub - dued be - neath our feet
3. ⁵ God has as - cend - ed with a shout!

To God with joy - ful voic - es sing!
The na - tions who were once our foes.
The LORD a - midst the trum - pet's ring.

² For awe - some is the LORD Most High,
⁴ And Ja - cob's glo - ry, whom He loves,
⁶ Sing praise! Sing prais - es un - to God!

Who o - ver all the earth is King.
We now in - her - it as He chose.
Sing praise! Sing prais - es to our King!

4. ⁷ For God is King of all the earth;
Sing praises with a skillful tone.

⁸ God rules the nations from on high;
God sits upon His holy throne.

5. ⁹ Leaders of nations join themselves,
As those of Abr'ham's God they come,
Because earth's shields belong to God;
He is the great exalted One.

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

Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 59**

vv. 1, 4

Forever Settled in the Heavens

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.

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Forever Settled in the Heavens

Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Ps. 119:89

♩ D A⁷ D G D A E⁷ A 7 D

1. For - ev - er set - tled in the heav'ns, thy word, O
 2. Thy word and works un - moved re - main, thine ev - 'ry
 3. I should have per - ished in my woe had not I
 4. The wick - ed would de - stroy my soul, but in thy

G D Em D A D A⁷ D G A⁷ D

Lord, shall firm - ly stand; thy faith - ful - ness shall nev - er
 pur - pose to ful - fil; all things are thine and thee o -
 loved thy law di - vine; that law I nev - er can for -
 truth is ref - uge sure; ex - ceed - ing broad is thy com -

A 7 D G C^{#dim} D Em D A⁷ D 7

fail; the earth a - bides at thy com - mand.
 bey, and all as ser - vants wait thy will.
 get; O save me, Lord, for I am thine.
 mand, and in per - fec - tion shall en - dure.

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 "tithe" 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, MAY 24

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

1:00 PM Women's Book Study
 4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 25

Church Offices Closed
 South Hills Memorial Day Parade

FRIDAY, MAY 29

6:00 PM BHCA All School Unit
 Celebration and Fundraiser

TUESDAY, MAY 26

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:00 PM End of Year Fusion Party
 @ the Michalak's house

SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 11:30 AM Linger Longer fellowship

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