



THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MAY 31, 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

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Gaspard

*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: O magnify the Lord with me!

People: Let us exalt God's name together!

Choral Introit

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

*The Son of God goes forth to war, a kingly crown to gain; His bloodied banner streams afar!
Who follows in His train? Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain, who patient bears His cross below, He follows in His train.*

*A noble army, men and boys, the matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice in robes of light arrayed. They climbed the steep ascent of heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain; O God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 53**

vv. 1-3

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Responsive Reading from Psalm 18

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Leader: I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

People: The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

Leader: In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears.

People: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?— the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

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.

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: God made you alive together with Christ, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. 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: Habakkuk 3:1-19

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Psalm of Praise **No. 67B** (See Bulletin)

vv. 1-3

O God, Give Us Your Blessing

Choral Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you;
And give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. 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 9:32-43

Sermon

Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
Standing on Two Legs

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name

Wilbur

*Thank and praise Jehovah's name, for His mercies, firm and sure,
from eternity the same to eternity endure.*

Refrain: *Praise Him, ye who know His love; praise Him from the depths beneath;
Praise Him in the heights above; praise your Maker, all that breathe.*

*Let the ransomed thus rejoice, gathered out of every land,
As the people of His choice, plucked from the destroyer's hand.*

*For His truth and mercy stand, past and present, and to be,
Like the years of His right hand - like His own eternity.*

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for Graduates

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.**

O God, Give Us Your Blessing

67B

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. — Ephesians 1:3

Psalm 67



1. ¹ O God, give us Your bless - ing, Ex - tend to us Your grace,
2. ³ O God, let peo - ples praise You; Let all the peo - ples praise.
3. ⁵ O God, let peo - ples praise You; Let all the peo - ples praise.



And cause to shine up - on us The ra - dian - ce of Your face;
⁴ Let na - tions come re - joic - ing, And songs of glad - ness raise;
⁶ The earth has brought its boun - ty Through - out its har - vest days;



² In or - der that Your path - ways Would through the earth be known,
For You will judge the peo - ples With per - fect eq - ui - ty;
⁷ Since God, our God, will bless us; Yes, God will bless - ing send,



That You to ev - 'ry na - tion Would Your sal - va - tion show.
You will for all earth's na - tions Their guide and lead - er be.
That all the earth may fear Him To its re - mot - est end.



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

Everlasting Arms

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

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 518**

vv. 1, 5

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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.

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

518

To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21

♩ F C⁷ F ♯ Dm B^b Gm

1. Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of
 2. Let your love my heart in - flame; keep your fear be -
 3. Foun - tain of o'er - flow - ing grace, free - ly from your
 4. Firm - ly trust - ing in your blood, noth - ing shall my
 5. Thus, O thus, an en - trance give to the land of

F/C C⁷ F C F

all my joy, still in you may I be found, still for
 fore my sight; be your praise my high - est aim; be your
 • ful - ness give; till I close my earth - ly race, may I
 heart con - found; safe - ly I shall pass the flood, safe - ly
 cloud - less sky; hav - ing known it "Christ to live," let me

B^b F C⁷ F F/C C ♯ Dm C F B^b F/C C F ♯

you my pow'rs em - ploy, still for you my pow'rs em - ploy.
 smile my chief de - light, be your smile my chief de - light.
 • prove it "Christ to live," may I prove it "Christ to live."
 reach Im - man - uel's ground, safe - ly reach Im - man - uel's ground.
 know it "gain to die," let me know it "gain to die."

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, MAY 31

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

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

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

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