

THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE

A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

<i>THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP</i>

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Jinna Park, Organist and Accompanist

Smith

*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: Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth

People: **Teach us Your ways in this hour of worship.**

Choral Introit: Psalm 100

In All the Land Rejoice

*In all the land rejoice and to the LORD cry out.
In worship gladly serve the LORD, for joy before Him shout.
Know that the LORD is God. He made us, we are His,
His people and the chosen flock set where His pasture is.
Because the LORD is good, His love will yet endure;
to generations, on and on, His faithfulness is sure.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 163**

vv. 1-3

At the Name of Jesus

Responsive Reading Psalm 16

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge. I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.” As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

People: **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Responsive Hymn **No. 163**

vv. 4, 5

At the Name of Jesus

<i>THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN</i>

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.

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news of the gospel: "Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun."
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.**

At the Name of Jesus

*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:10, 11*

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3. Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5. Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
• from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true:
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
• faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour:
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
• brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 19:1-29

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

vv. 1-4

O How I Love Your Holy Law

Special Music

Exultate, Jubilate, K.165: *Alleluia*
Chad Winkler, *trumpet*; Jinna Park, *organ*

W. A. Mozart

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.**

*All children remain in worship with their families.
The Reformation room and Nursery are open for use but are not staffed.
Please use the back sanctuary exits to access the stairs to these rooms.*

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon

Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
Peter Defends the Gentiles

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Selections

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for our Civil Magistrates and Public Servants

Pastor Chace

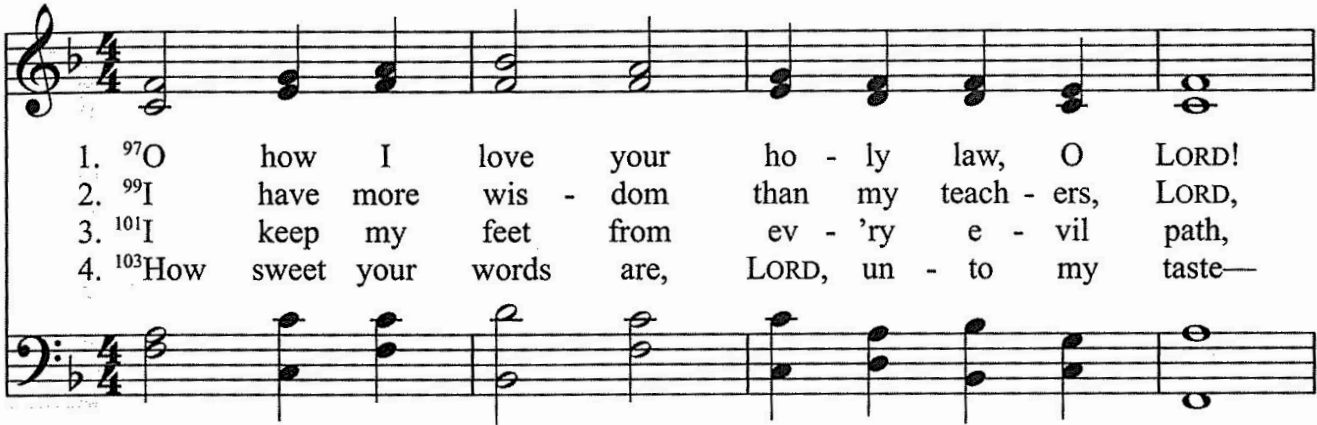
Congregational Response **No. 734**

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 How I Love Your Holy Law

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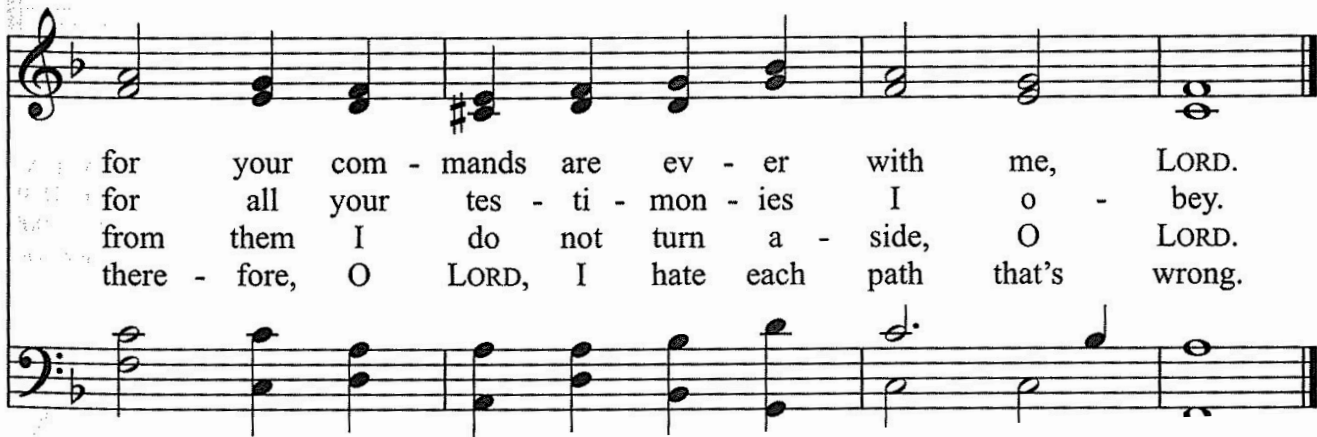
1. ⁹⁷O how I love your ho - ly law, O LORD!
 2. ⁹⁹I have more wis - dom than my teach - ers, LORD,
 3. ¹⁰¹I keep my feet from ev - 'ry e - vil path,
 4. ¹⁰³How sweet your words are, LORD, un - to my taste—



All day I med - i - tate up - on your word;
 for on your laws I med - i - tate each day.
 for I de - sire to fol - low all your word;
 sweet - er than hon - ey is up - on my tongue.



⁹⁸It makes me wis - er than my en - e - mies,
¹⁰⁰I have more in - sight than the a - ged ones,
¹⁰²since you have taught me all your wise de - crees,
¹⁰⁴Through your com - mand - ments I will un - der - stand,



for your com - mands are ev - er with me, LORD.
 for all your tes - ti - mon - ies I o - bey.
 from them I do not turn a - side, O LORD.
 there - fore, O LORD, I hate each path that's wrong.

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 **No. 689**

Be Still, My Soul

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

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 342**

vv. 1, 5

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Benediction

Postlude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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.

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Be Still, My Soul

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Jas. 5:7

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
 bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

ASSURANCE

Friend through thorn- y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 pay from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
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 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
 2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,
 5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,

cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
 in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy;
 • with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;
 what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,
 laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,

ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
 God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
 • and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
 and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.
 One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service

The Spirit of Our Age <i>A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts</i>	
September 13	Acts 10:1-23a
September 20	Acts 10:23b-48
September 27	Acts 11:1-18
October 4	Acts 11:19-30
October 11	Acts 12:1-25
October 18	Acts 13:1-12
October 25	Acts 13:13-35
November 1	Acts 13:36-52
November 8	Acts 14:1-7
November 15	Acts 14:8-20
November 22	Acts 14:21-28

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