

# Servant Songs

AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES



December 8, 2024

# Beverly Heights United

---

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Administrative Assistant

## THE LORD GATHERS US FOR ADVENT WORSHIP

Prelude

*Prelude on "Genevan 42"*  
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Lasky

*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: Behold the coming kingdom of our father David!

**People: Glory in the Highest!**

Choral Introit

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 101**

vv. 1-4

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 15:1-18

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Congregational Response **Psalm No. 21**

vv. 1-3 (*See Bulletin*)

*The King in Your Great Strength, O Lord*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Confession of Sin, Followed by Silent Confession

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

Heavenly Father, Your word calls us to "Arise, and shine: for your light has come." O God, forgive us for we live as if the light never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We confess that we ignore the Christ You sent to be among us and to be in us. We've kept the birth of Your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for His coming each moment in our lives. Lord, You came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Your coming. As we prepare for Your coming again, we confess our sins and ask that You let the earth ring out with song. Let the light break forth anew. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of Your love. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time, we pray. Amen.

## 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*

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,

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

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.

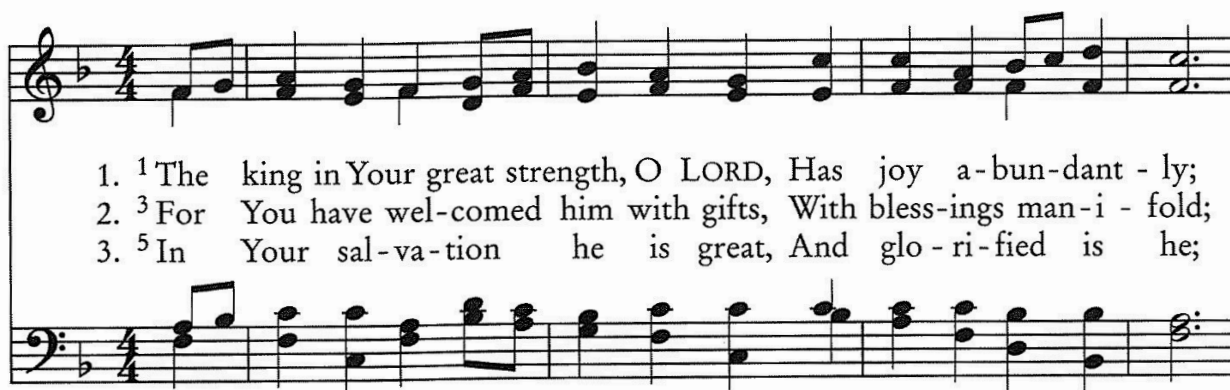


# The King in Your Great Strength, O LORD

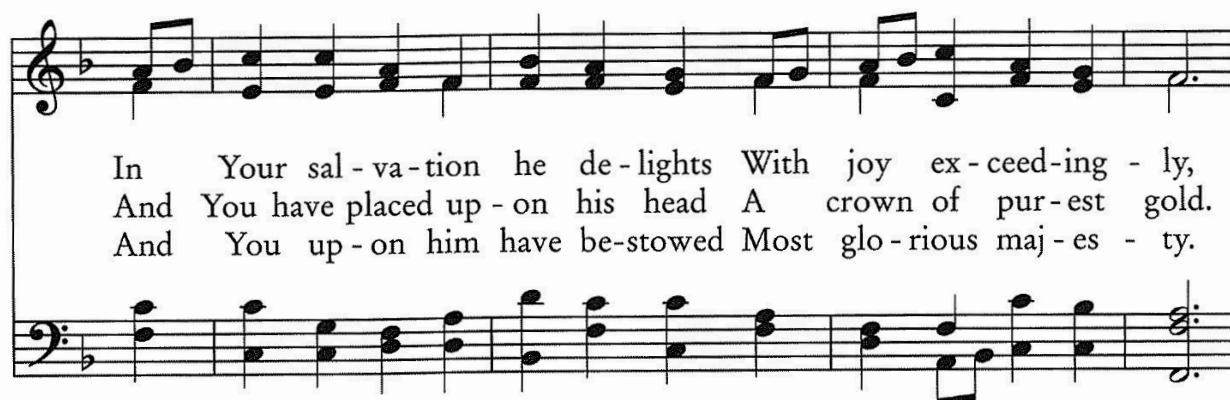
# 21A

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing! — Revelation 5:12*

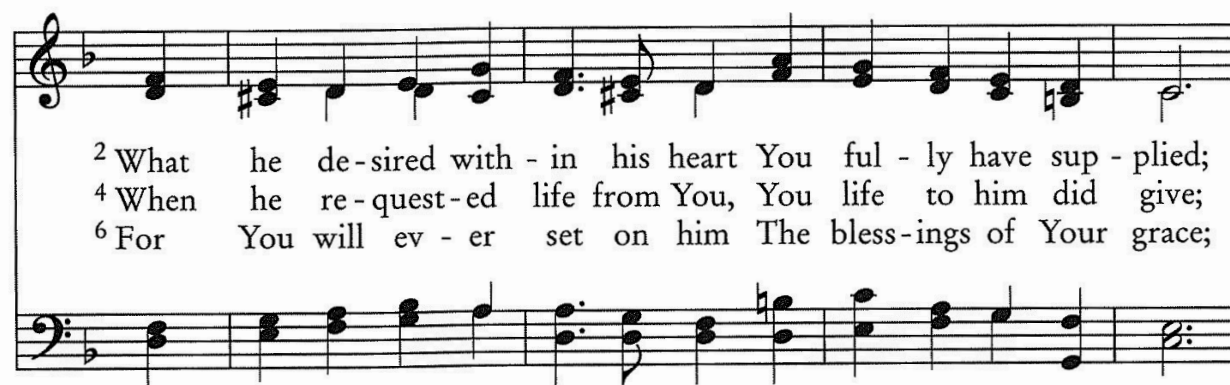
Psalm 21:1-6



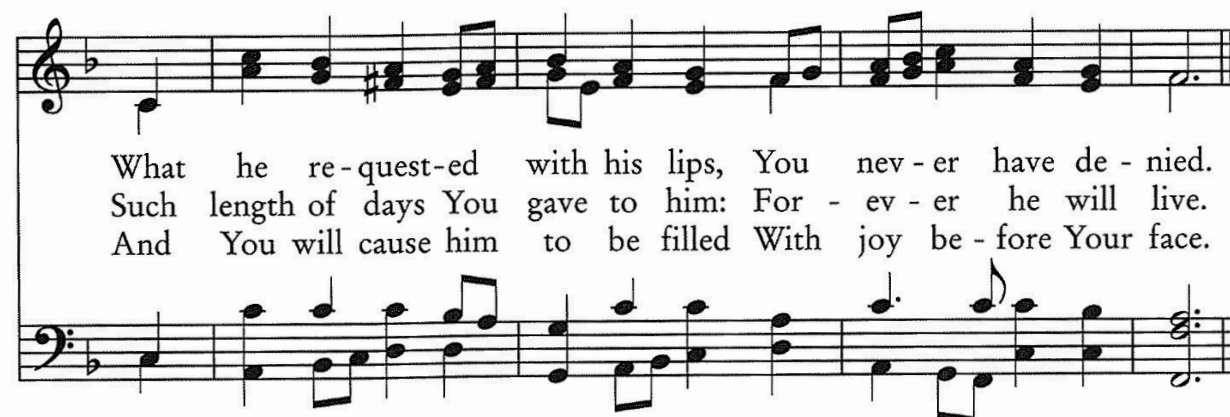
1. <sup>1</sup> The king in Your great strength, O LORD, Has joy a-bun-dant - ly;  
2. <sup>3</sup> For You have wel-come-d him with gifts, With bless-ings man-i - fold;  
3. <sup>5</sup> In Your sal-va-tion he is great, And glo-ri-fied is he;



In Your sal-va-tion he de-lights With joy ex-ceed-ing - ly,  
And You have placed up-on his head A crown of pur-est gold.  
And You up-on him have be-stowed Most glo-rious maj-es - ty.



<sup>2</sup> What he de-sired with-in his heart You ful-ly have sup-plied;  
<sup>4</sup> When he re-quest-ed life from You, You life to him did give;  
<sup>6</sup> For You will ev-er set on him The bless-ings of Your grace;



What he re-quest-ed with his lips, You nev-er have de-nied.  
Such length of days You gave to him: For-ev-er he will live.  
And You will cause him to be filled With joy be-fore Your face.

Following the saintly fathers, we all with one voice teach the confession  
of one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ:  
the same perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity,  
the same truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and a body;  
consubstantial with the Father as regards His divinity,  
and the same consubstantial with us as regards His humanity;  
like us in all respects except for sin;  
begotten before the ages from the Father as regards His divinity,  
and in the last days the same for us and for our salvation  
from Mary, the virgin God-bearer, as regards His humanity;  
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only-begotten,  
acknowledged in two natures which undergo no confusion,  
no change, no division, no separation;  
at no point was the difference between the natures taken away through the union,  
but rather the property of both natures is preserved and  
comes together into a single person and a single subsistent being;  
He is not parted or divided into two persons,  
but is one and the same only-begotten Son, God, Word, Lord Jesus Christ,  
just as the prophets taught from the beginning about Him,  
and as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself instructed us,  
and as the creed of the fathers handed it down to us.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

**Leader:** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.

**People:** My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.

**Leader:** O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

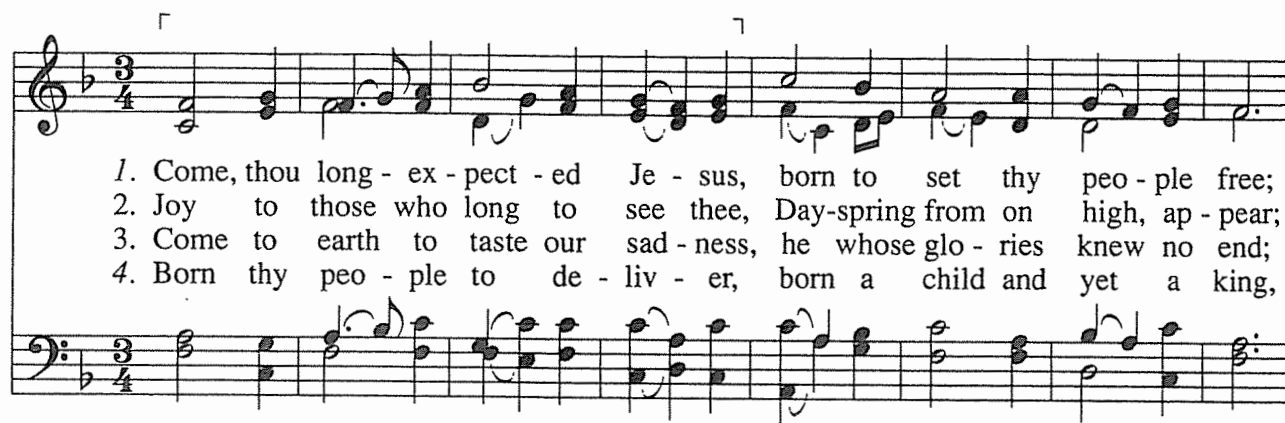
**People:** And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

*Children are invited to the front of the Chancel during the last verse of the hymn.*

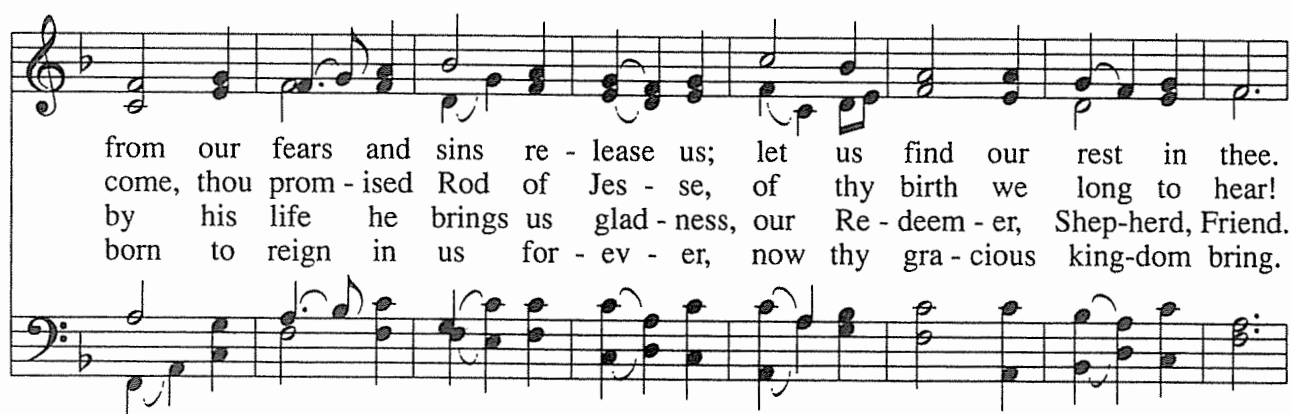
# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

196

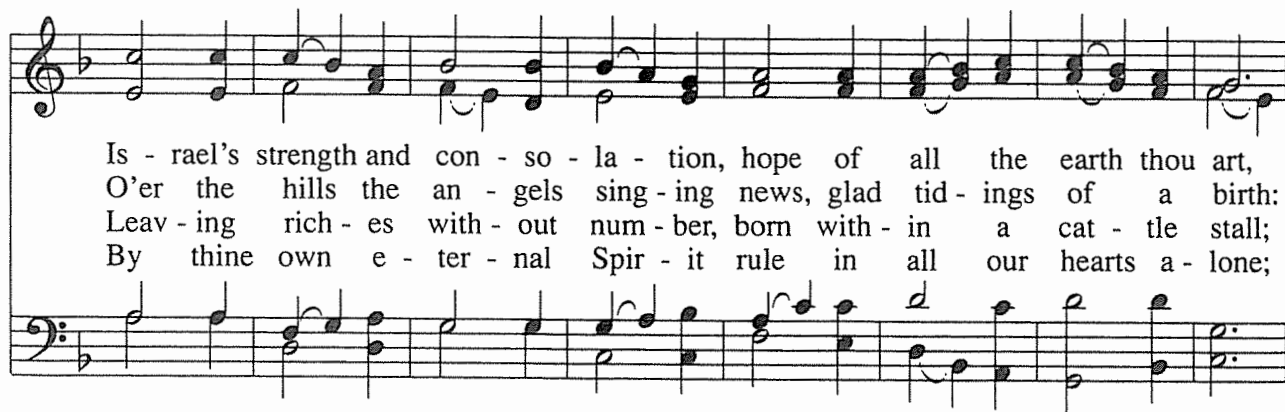
*Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25*



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Glo - ry in the high - est heav - en

to the Fa - ther and the Son

and the Spi - rit He has giv - en

hal - lowed be the Three - in - One.

*Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.*  
*Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls, Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.*  
*Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.*  
*"Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come to raise salvation's horn. God incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born."*  
*Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.*  
*Christ brings light to sin's dark night: Our Dayspring, Jesus from on high,*  
*Saints and angels sing God's praise. All the earth and Heavens reply:*  
*Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Children ages kindergarten and younger are dismissed to the Nursery, Walkabouts Room or Runabouts Room.  
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:68-79

Sermon

**Servant Songs**  
Zechariah's Song

Pastor Devlin

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*Bless Us, Father*

Page



## THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (\*See below)

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.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen No. 740

Trinity Hymnal



## THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn No. 384

vv. 1, 2

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Benediction

Postlude

*Christmas Gloria*

Pote

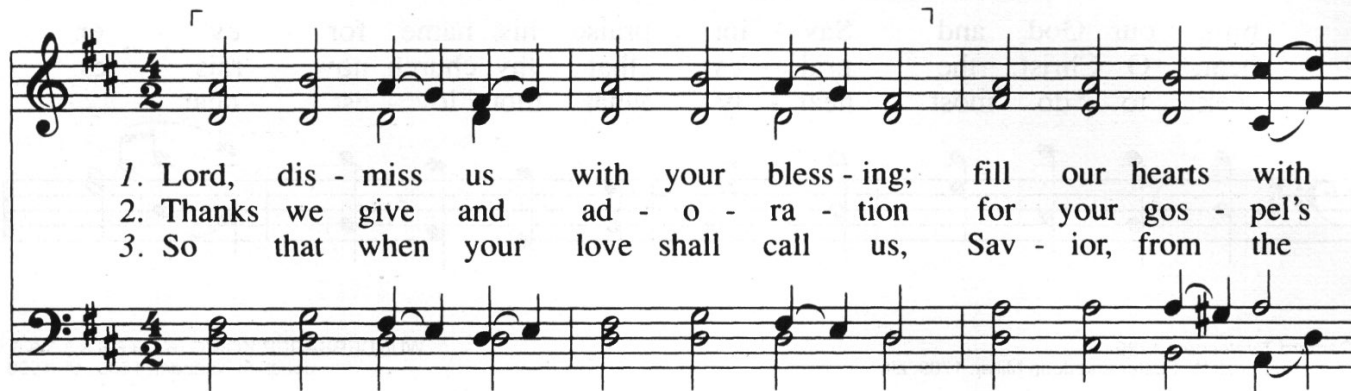
### ***\*May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

*All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited 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. 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.*

## 384

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

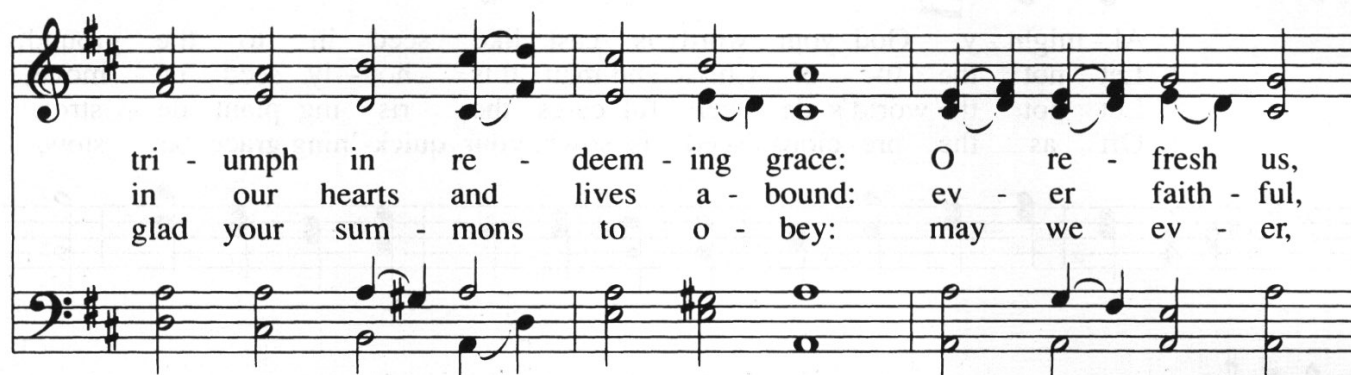
*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Num. 6:24-26*



1. Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3. So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey: may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

# Servant Songs

*An Advent Sermon Series*

December 1, 2024	Mary's Song	Luke 1:46-55
December 8, 2024	Zechariah's Song	Luke 1:68-79
December 15, 2024	The Angel's Song	Luke 2:19
December 22, 2024	Simeon's Song	Luke 2:22-33
December 29, 2024	John the Baptist's Song	Luke 3:4-6
January 5, 2025	Jesus' Song	Luke 4:16-21

## This Week at Beverly Heights

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM Christian Ed for All Ages  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
4:30 PM Glory in the Heights

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

*Church Offices Closed*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:30 AM Memorial Service  
for Naomi Nelson  
7:00 PM Session Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM First Song and New Song  
Choir Rehearsal  
5:15 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
11:00 AM Orchestra Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM Christian Ed for All Ages  
10:00 AM Worship Service

---

## Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church

1207 Washington Road ❖ Mt. Lebanon, PA ❖ 15228

[www.beverlyheights.org](http://www.beverlyheights.org) ❖ 412-561-5100

**Gathered By His Love For Us ~ Scattered By Our Love For Him**