

THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE

A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



OCTOBER 11, 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Gaspard

Jinna Park, Organist and Accompanist

*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 98

To the LORD O Sing a New Song

*To the LORD O sing a new song for the wonders He has done;
His right hand and arm most holy have for Him the victory won.
And the LORD revealed His rescue, His salvation He made known;
In the sight of every nation He His righteousness has shown.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 441**

vv. 1-3

Jesus Shall Reign

Responsive Reading Psalm 29

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

**People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of
the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**People: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the
wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

People: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with
peace!

Responsive Hymn No. 441

vv. 4, 5

Jesus Shall Reign

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,
imploing 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.

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 our
wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love, and in falling
short of Your glory. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and repent of our
sins and all we have done to displease You. Forgive us, we pray, in Jesus' name, and
help us to live by His light and walk in Your ways, that we may bring You glory in this
age and in the age to come. 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: "As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."
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.**

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Jesus Shall Reign

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Choral Anthem

Be Still

Marrolli

*Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart.
Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart*

*Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll, though the storms conspire to destroy,
Be still and know that I am God: the earth shall rise again in joy.*

*Be still and know that I am God; let tranquil hope fill your mind.
Be still and know that I am God; let grief and trouble be left behind.*

*Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries, though the night seems endless and dire,
Be still and know that I am God: the morn shall rise in holy fire.*

*Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll, though the storms conspire to destroy,
Be still and know that I am God: the earth shall rise again in joy.*

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 12:1-25

Sermon

Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
Opposition

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

A Lyric Prayer

Laskey

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for Prisoners

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.**

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him

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Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. — Matthew 28:19

Psalms 22:27-31

12. ²⁷ All ends of earth will turn to Him; The LORD they
 13. ²⁹ All those who prosper in the earth Will eat and
 14. ³⁰ A seed will rise to do His will, And of the

will a - gain re - call. The na-tions' fam - lies all will come,
 low be - fore Him bend; And in His pres - ence all will bow,
 Lord be made a - ware. ³¹ The gen - er - a - tion that will come

To wor - ship and be - fore Him fall, ²⁸ Be - cause the
 Who help - less to the dust de - scend, Who e - ven
 Will then His righ - teous - ness de - clare To peo - ple

LORD the king - dom owns And rules a - bove all earth - ly thrones.
 though they vain - ly strive, Can nev - er keep their souls a - live.
 who are yet to be, That He has done this; it was He.

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 Bulletin*)

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

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

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing **Hymn No. 370**

vv. 1, 2, 5

Revive Thy Work, O Lord

Benediction

Postlude

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

Larson

****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.

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

John Fawcett (1782), Connie Dever (Chorus)

Connie Dever

1. Af - flict - ed saint, to — Christ draw near, Your
2. Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and
3. Should per - se - cu - tion — rage and flame, still
4. When called to bear your weigh - ty cross, or

5 Sa - vior's gra - cious pro - mise hear, His faith - ful Word, you
if the con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the —
trust in your Re - deem - er's name; in Lord fier - y tri - als —
sore af - flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress or —

11 can be - lieve, that as your days — your strength shall be.
temp - ter flee, that as your days — your strength shall be.
you shall see, that as your days — your strength shall be.
po - ver - ty, still as your days — your strength shall be.

18 2, 3, 4.
So, sing with joy, af - flic - ted one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the vic - tory's

26 won; God shall sup - ply all that you need. Yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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Revive Thy Work, O Lord

*I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time
make them known. Hab. 3:2*

1. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, thy might - y arm make bare;
 2. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, dis - turb this sleep of death;
 3. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, cre - ate soul - thirst for thee;
 4. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, ex - alt thy pre - cious name;
 5. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, give Pen - te - cos - tal show'rs;

• speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make thy peo - ple hear.
 quick - en the smoul-d'ring em - bers now by thine al - might - y breath.
 • and hun - g'ring for the Bread of Life O may our spir - its be.
 and, by the Ho - ly Ghost, our love for thee and thine in - flame.
 the glo - ry shall be all thine own, the bless - ing, Lord, be ours.

Albert Midlane, 1858

FESTAL SONG S.M.
 William H. Walter, 1894

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, OCTOBER 11

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service
4:30 PM Harvest at the Heights

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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