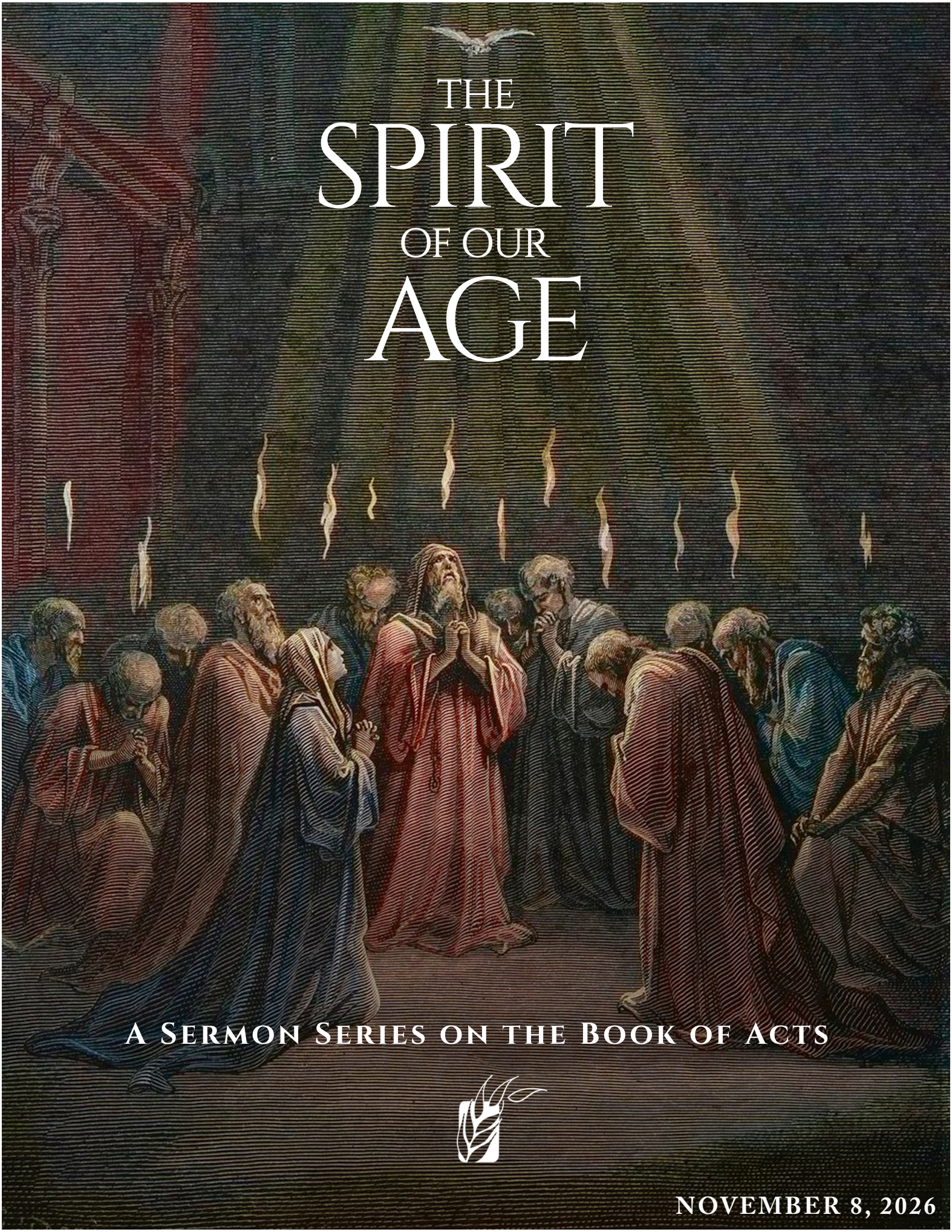


THE SPIRIT OF OUR AGE

A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

NOVEMBER 8, 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 — *Festive Voluntary on "Lancashire"* — Lasky

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 — *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Pascal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst His chains
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with Him from death's domains the long-imprisoned dead.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run.
Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation
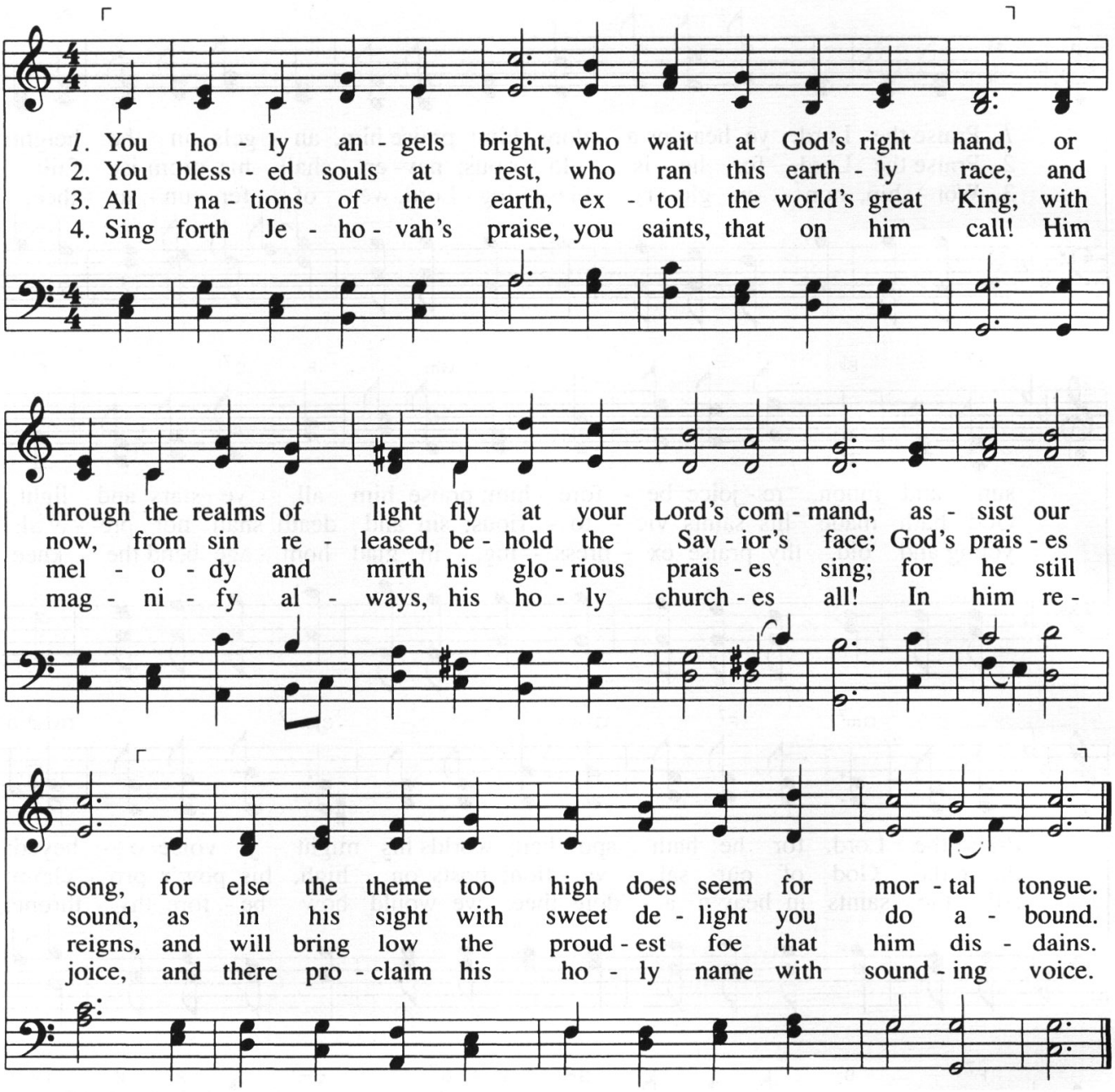
Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 18** — vv. 1-4 — *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 44 — Pg. 801, *Trinity Hymnal* — Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Responsive Hymn **No. 18** — vv. 5-7 — *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

18 You Holy Angels Bright

Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Ps. 148:2



5. My soul, bear now your part,
triumph in God above;
with a well-tun-ed heart
sing now the songs of love;
you are his own, whose precious blood
shed for your good his love made known.

6. Away, distrustful care!
I have your promise, Lord;
to banish all despair,
I have your oath and word;
and therefore I shall see your face
and there your grace shall magnify.

7. With your triumphant flock
then I shall numbered be;
built on th'eternal Rock,
his glory we shall see.
The heav'ns so high with praise shall ring
and all shall sing in harmony.

Based on Psalm 148
Richard Baxter, 1672; alt.; alt. 1990, mod.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

Psalm 44

We have heard it with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago.

With your hand you drove out the nations and planted our fathers;

you crushed the peoples
and made our fathers flourish.

It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory;

it was your right hand, your arm,
and the light of your face, for you loved them.

**You are my King and my God,
who decrees victories for Jacob.**

Through you we push back our enemies;
through your name we trample our foes.

I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory;

but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame.

**In God we make our boast all day long,
and we will praise your name forever.**

But now you have rejected and humbled us;
you no longer go out with our armies.

You made us retreat before the enemy, and our adversaries have plundered us.

You gave us up to be devoured like sheep and have scattered us among the nations.

**You sold your people for a pittance,
gaining nothing from their sale.**

You have made us a reproach to our neighbors, the scorn and derision of those around us.

You have made us a byword among the nations; the peoples shake their heads at us.

My disgrace is before me all day long,
and my face is covered with shame –

at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me, because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge.

All this happened to us, though we had not forgotten you or been false to your covenant.

Our hearts had not turned back; our feet had not strayed from your path.

But you crushed us and made us a haunt for jackals and covered us over with deep darkness.

If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god,

would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart?

Yet for your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever.

**Why do you hide your face
and forget our misery and oppression?**

We are brought down to the dust;
our bodies cling to the ground.

Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love.

THE LORD CLEANSES 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.

Holy Father, forgive us. Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though You should rule us, we control ourselves. Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with Your Word, heal our divided will with Your law, heal our troubled conscience with Your love, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. 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: To all who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare the forgiveness of sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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: Exodus 7:1-13

Psalm of Praise **No. 67A** ***(See Bulletin)*** vv. 1-3 *O God, to Us Show Mercy*

Choral Anthem *God Be in My Head* Hobby

Text from *The Book of Hours (1514)*

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.
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.

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 14:1-7

Sermon Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
Witness in Iconium

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS
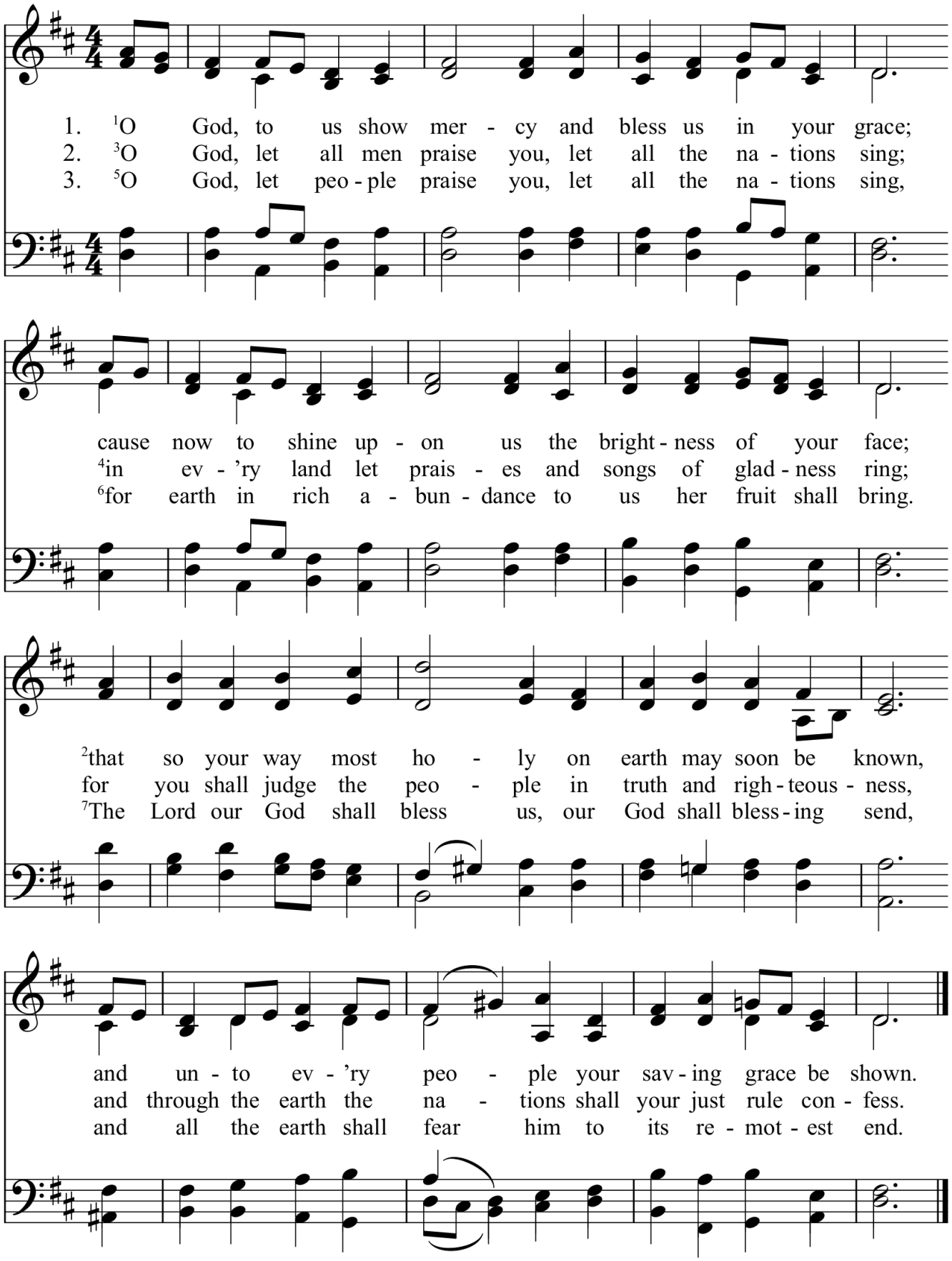
Call for the Offering and Offertory *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Kim

Pastoral Prayer Prayer for our Country 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, to Us Show Mercy 67A



The Psalter, 1912; mod.

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William Freeman Lloyd, 1840
Alternate tune: AURELIA

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	*And Can It Be*	Page
Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**		*Trinity Hymnal*

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM
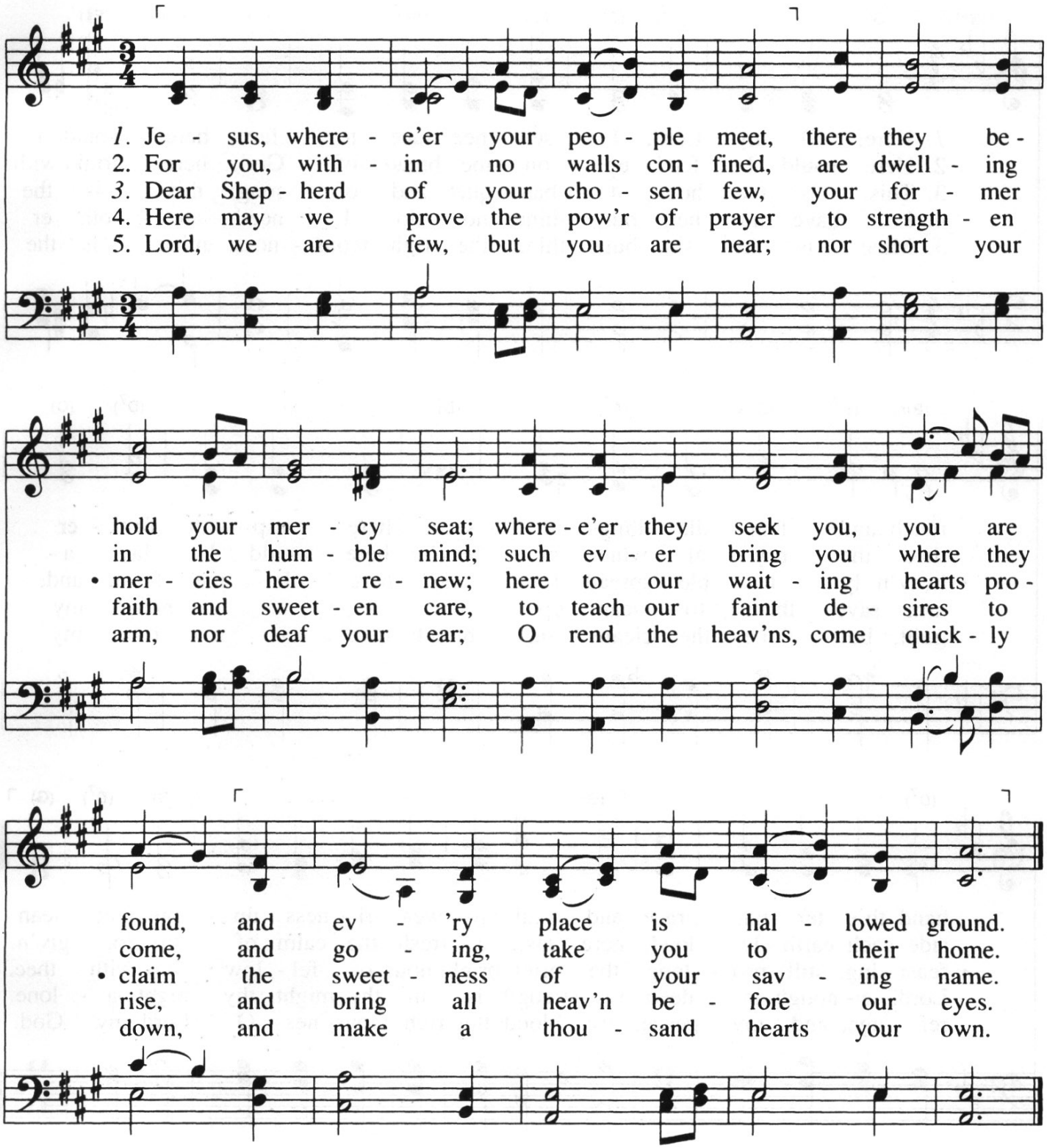
Closing Hymn **No. 377**	vv. 1, 4, 5	*Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet*
Benediction		
Postlude	*Fairest Lord Jesus*	Berry

**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.

Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet 377

Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matt. 18:20



William Cowper, 1769
Alt. 1990, mod.

WARRINGTON L.M.
Ralph Harrison, 1784

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, NOVEMBER 8
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Tone Chimes Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
8:00 AM Men's Study Group
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Fusion: MS & HS Students

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
1:00 PM Women's Book Study
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Choir/Tone Chimes Rehearsal

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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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