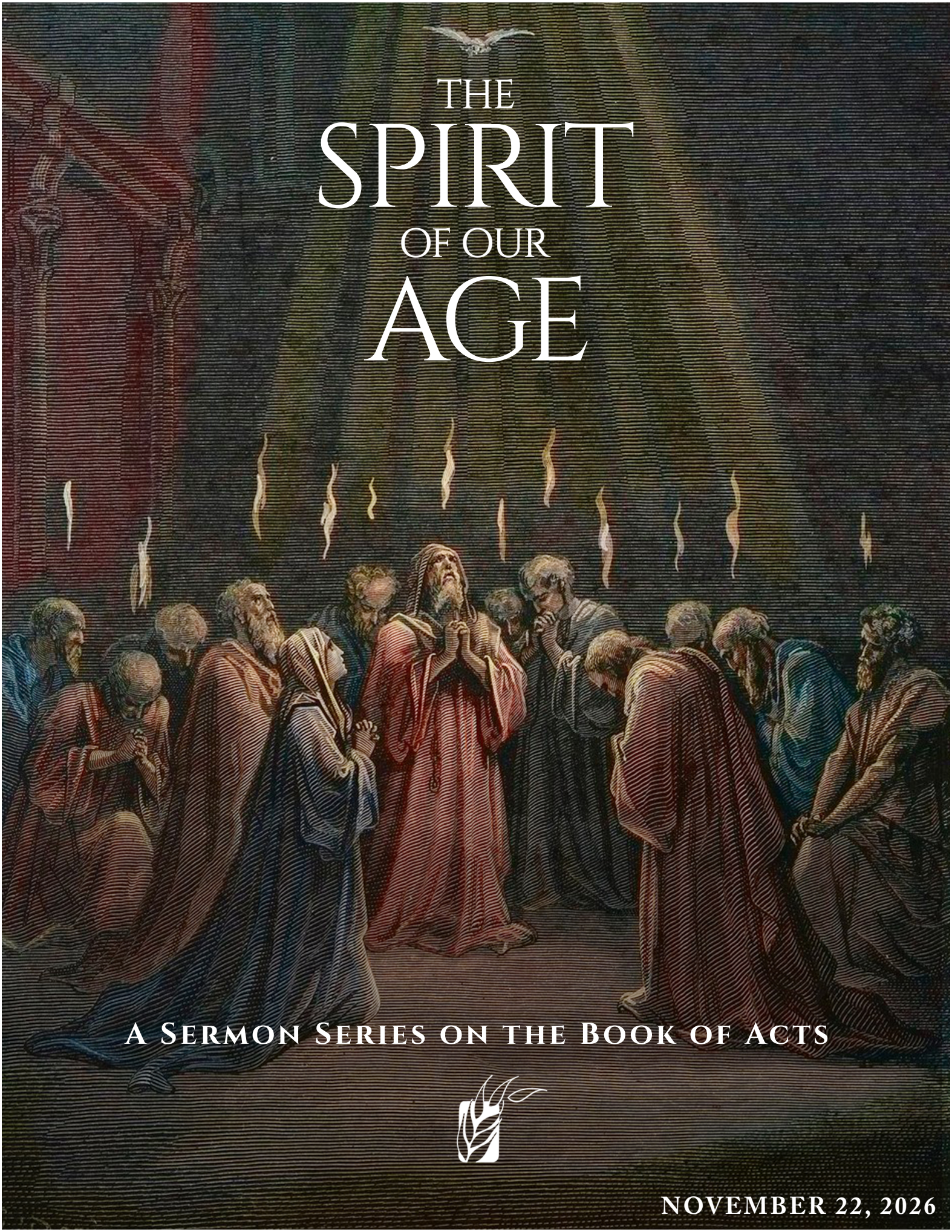


THE SPIRIT OF OUR AGE

A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

NOVEMBER 22, 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 — *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* — 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 — *All Earth, With Joy (Psalm 100)*

All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voices ringing.
With gladness serve the LORD; come to Him joyfully singing.
The LORD is God. Know that He made us His own. We are the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, to His courts come praising.
To Him be thankful, and bless His name, your voices raising.
The Lord is good; His lovingkindness endures, His faithfulness lasts forever.

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 3** — vv. 1-4 — *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145 — Pg. 838, *Trinity Hymnal* — Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Responsive Hymn **No. 3** — vv. 5, 6 — *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

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.

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, forgive us for ignoring Your gifts, misusing Your gifts, even abusing Your gifts. We repent of our feelings of entitlement, of our lack of generosity, of our ingratitude. Forgive us, we pray, for Jesus' sake. 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.

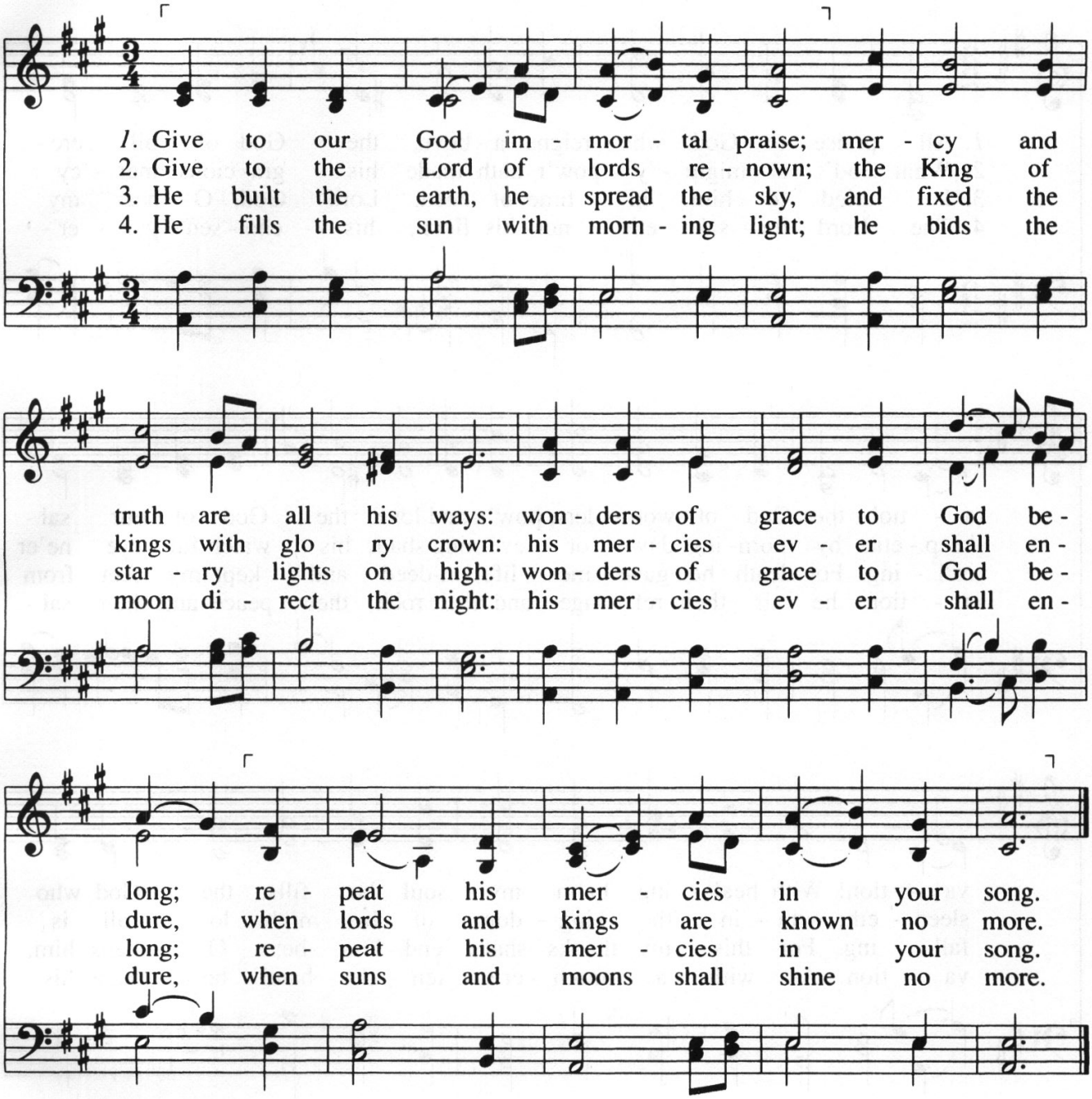
THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Psalm of Praise **No. 96D** ***(See Bulletin)*** vv. 5-8 *Ascribe Unto the Lord*

Give to Our God Immortal Praise 3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Ps. 136:1



5. He sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

6. Through this vain world he guides our feet,
and leads us to his heav'nly seat:
his mercies ever shall endure,
when this vain world shall be no more.

Based on Psalm 136
Isaac Watts, 1719

WARRINGTON L.M.
Ralph Harrison, 1784

Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Ascribe Unto the LORD

"Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
—Revelation 22:20

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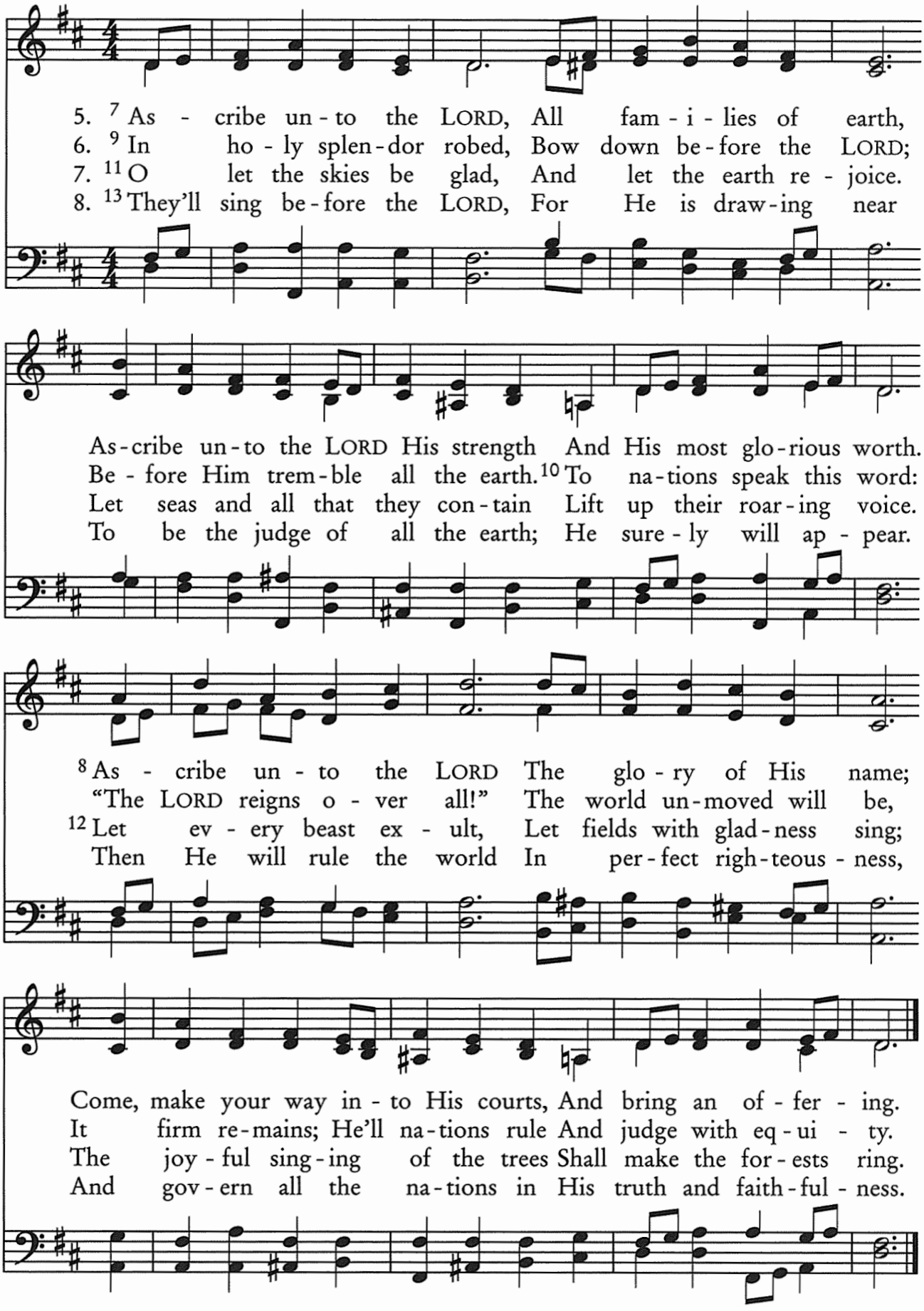
Psalm 96:7-13



Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

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Choral Anthem *Awake, My Soul, Give Thanks and Sing* Courtney

Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing hymns of praise to God the King. Alleluia, alleluia.
With voice and instrument declare that God will hear our fervent prayer. Alleluia, alleluia.

Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing, alleluia, alleluia.

Great God of wisdom, power and might, of boundless love and glory bright. Alleluia, alleluia.
O God of everlasting grace, tune my heart to sing Your praise. Alleluia, alleluia.

Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing, alleluia, alleluia.

Beneath the shadow of His wings, my soul is safe, my spirit sings; Alleluia, alleluia.
For from His throne exalted high, God has heard His servant's cry. Alleluia, alleluia.

Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing, alleluia, alleluia.

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 14:21-28

Sermon Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
Witness in Derbe and the Return Home

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Hayes

Pastoral Prayer Prayers of Thanksgiving 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.

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	*Faith and Grace*	Schram
Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**		*Trinity Hymnal*

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

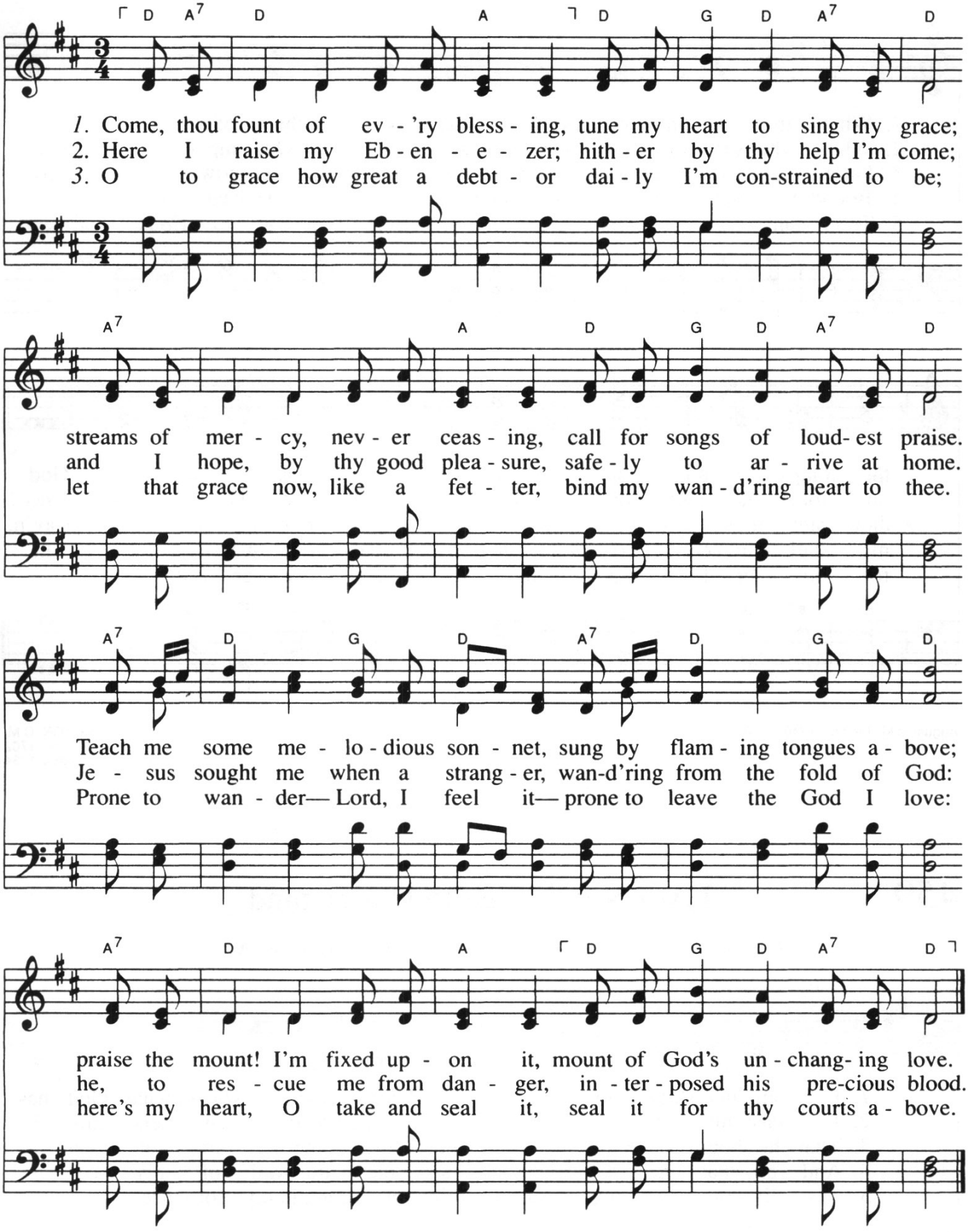
Closing Hymn **No. 457**	vv. 1, 3	*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Benediction		
Postlude	*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*	Purifoy

**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.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 457

Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12



Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
Asahel Nettleton, 1825

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 22
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Choir/Tone Chimes Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
8:00 AM Men's Study Group
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Fusion: MS & HS Students

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
9:30 AM Thanksgiving Fellowship
10:00 AM Thanksgiving Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service

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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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