



May 25, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

The boy didn't need to hear it. There was already a deep black wordless conviction in him that the way to avoid Jesus was to avoid sin.

Flannery O'Connor, ***Wise Blood*** (1952; Farrar, Strauss and Giroux edition, p. 22)

**If every little baby that was ever born anywhere in the world had a tape recorder hung about its neck**, and if this tape recorder only recorded the moral judgments with which this child as he grew bound other men, the moral precepts might be much lower than the biblical law, but they would still be moral judgments.

Eventually each person comes to that great moment when he stands before God as judge. Suppose, then, that God simply touched the tape recorder button and each man heard played out in his own words all those statements by which he had bound other men in moral judgment. He could hear it going on for years—thousands and thousands of moral judgments made against other men, not aesthetic judgments, but moral judgments.

Then God would simply say to the man, though he had never read the Bible, now where do you stand in the light of your own moral judgments? The Bible points out . . . that every voice would be stilled. All men would have to acknowledge that they have deliberately done those things which they knew to be wrong. Nobody could deny it.

Francis Schaeffer, *The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century*, 2d ed. (Crossway, 1985), pp.49-50

## **The Prelude**

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Call to Worship: *The Revelation of Jesus Christ 19.11-16***

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."*

**(Prayer)**

## **The Introit (11:15)**

### **"A Mighty Fortress"**

Our God is a consuming fire  
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom  
Our God is the only righteous Judge  
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your Name  
Your kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

## The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 **“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness”** (vv. 1, 2, 4)

#520

**“Amazing Grace”** (vv. 1-3, 6)

#460

11:15 **“A Mighty Fortress”**

–Luther, 1529/Nockels, 2009

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And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

**A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your Name  
Your kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign**

Our God is jealous for His own  
None could comprehend His love and His mercy  
Our God is exalted on His throne,  
High above the heavens; forever He is worthy

And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You  
**(CHORUS)**

We will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You  
So we can set our hearts on You  
Lord, we will set our hearts on You  
**(CHORUS)**

With You forever we will reign! **(2x)**

**11:15 "Revelation Song"**

-Riddle, 2004

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

**Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You**

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory  
And power be to You, the only wise King  
**(Chorus)**

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery  
**(Chorus)**

## A Confession of Sin:

Reader: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my fault, by my most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, assure me that I am forgiven all my sins, and grant me peace.

**ALL:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

(Silent Confession)

## Pronouncement of Peace for Believers in the Gospel: *2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2.13-14*

*But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Prayer:

Reader: Our Father, we pause before You, we Your beloved, chosen children and silently present to You the burdens of our hearts: **(Silent Prayer)**

And now, together, we pray as Jesus Christ gave us to pray, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done**

**On earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **A Catechism: Law and Grace (Please answer with the bold print)**

Q: What does God require of me that I might live with Him forever?

**A: If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.**

Q: What do God's holy commandments say about me and all Adam's children?

**A: There is none righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.**

Q: What do I and all law-breakers deserve for our sin?

**A: Cursed is he who does not confirm all the words of this law by doing them...for the wages of sin is death.**

Q: Is there no one worthy who can obey God's Law on my behalf and bear the curse for our sinful race?

**A: When the fulness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law...Worthy is the Lamb to take the book, and to break its seals; for You were slain, and did purchase for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.**

Q: How may I receive the rewards of the Lamb's obedience and suffering?

**A: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.**

Q: How shall I then live?

**A: Work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.**

Response: "The Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

*(Matt 19.17; Romans 3.10,23; Deut. 27.26; Romans 6.23; Gal. 4.4; Rev. 5.9; Mark 1.15; Acts. 16.31; Phil. 2.12-13)*

**9:00 “Consider the Stars” (Psalm 8:3-4)**

-Getty, de Barra, arr. Angerman

Consider the stars in the sky  
Look up and wonder, can you count their number?  
Consider the stars in the sky  
Umbrella to hide in, a dance floor of heaven

Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid

Consider the stars in the sky  
When it is darkest, they shine out the brightest  
Consider the stars in the sky  
In every anguish, oh child take courage

Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
He who made all of this  
And who holds all of this  
Holds you in His hands

Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid

Consider the stars in the sky  
Diamond in a ring over the Child King  
Consider the stars in the sky  
Grace He had promised  
Coming to find us

Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
He who made all of this says,  
“You’re worth more than this”  
And holds you in His hands

**11:15 “You Love Me Anyway”**

-McDonald, Frey, Delavergne

The question was raised as my conscience fell, a silly little lie  
It didn't mean much but it lingers still in the corners of my mind

Still you call me to walk on the edge of this world to spread my dreams and fly  
But the future's so far, my heart is so frail I think I'd rather stay inside

But You love me anyway. It's like nothing in life that I've ever known  
Yes, You love me anyway. Oh Lord, how You love me. How you love me

It took more than my strength to simply be still to seek but never find  
All the reasons we change, the reasons I doubt and why do loved ones have to die?

But You love me anyway. It's like nothing in life that I've ever known  
Yes, You love me anyway. Oh Lord, how You love me  
I am the thorn in your crown but You love me anyway  
I am the sweat from Your brow but You love me anyway  
I am the nail in Your wrist but You love me anyway  
I am Judas' kiss but You love me anyway

See now I am the man who yelled out from the crowd  
For Your blood to be spilled on this earth shaking ground  
Yes then I turned away with a smile on my face  
With this sin in my heart, tried to bury Your grace  
And then alone in the night I still called out for You  
So ashamed of my life, my life, my life

But You love me anyway it's like nothing in life that I've ever known  
Yes You love me anyway. Oh Lord, how You love me

**The Scripture Reading:** *St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, 2.1-11; 3.9-20*

*Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. <sup>2</sup> And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup> Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? <sup>5</sup> But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup> who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: <sup>7</sup> to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; <sup>8</sup> but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. <sup>9</sup> There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, <sup>10</sup> but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God.*

*<sup>3.9</sup>What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; <sup>10</sup> as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; <sup>11</sup> THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; <sup>12</sup> ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE." <sup>13</sup> "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING," "THE POISON OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS"; <sup>14</sup> "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS"; <sup>15</sup> "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD, <sup>16</sup> DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS, <sup>17</sup> AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN." <sup>18</sup> "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."*

*<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; <sup>20</sup> because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks Be to God!

The Sermon

- T. J. Campo

***The Letter to Rome*** | Slaves Freed to Love  
***“Condemned”***

## The Closing Hymn

**9:00 “Rock of Ages” (all 4 verses)**

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**11:15 “Living Hope”**

-Wickman, Johnson

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your Name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your lovingkindness tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your Name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.  
**(Repeat)**

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

**(Chorus)**

Oh God, You are my living hope!

## The Benediction and Amen

## The Postlude

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## SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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### **SERMON SERIES**

***The Letter to Rome*** | Slaves Freed to Love

One author called it “the greatest letter ever written”, another titled it “The Explanation”.

***St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans*** is undoubtedly one of the most influential documents ever produced. The basic theme (the gift of God’s righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ) is a power we need to discover and daily re-discover as it impacts all relationships, decisions and desires in our lives. It’s about slaves (sin) freed (salvation) to love (service) – tune in!

May 11 — *Eager With Good News* — Rom 1.1-17

May 18 — *The Bad Deal* — Rom 1.18—3:2

May 25 — *The Universal Contagion* — Rom 3.1-20

### **SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM**

#### **Inquirer’s Class | Led by T. J. Campo | Library**

This is our “Park Road 101” class where you have the opportunity to hear from TJ about the belief statements of our Church, the membership commitments, and foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. This 8-week class is required for anyone interested in membership at our Church. Please join us or invite others!

#### **Genesis - From Paradise to Prison | Led by John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall**

The Book of Genesis is foundational, both to the Bible as well as to so many issues that we face today: Who am I and why am I here? Questions of ecology, of marriage and family dynamics, of race relations, of peace in the Middle East, of legal and illegal immigration, and the list goes on. But through the entire story, there runs a promise that will bring about a world transformation. That means Genesis is a book of hope. And we hope to have you join us for the journey.

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## THIS WEEK AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

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Welcome to Park Road Pres! We are glad to have you with us today.

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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday Classes
	1:00 PM	S.A.L.T. Lunch Bunch: Chuy's
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Men's Fellowship (Narthex)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Narthex)
		Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM	PRYouth: Senior Night
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on Ephesians (via Zoom)
		Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 AM	Moms Connect

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### **SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sun., May 25 | 1:00 pm**

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on May 25 at Chuy's located at 10610 Pines Blvd, Building P9, Pembroke Pines, 33026.

### **Women's Ministry -Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Hope Women's Centers has been helping women navigate through tough pregnancy decisions for 38 years. Hope Women's Centers ministers to women in Broward County through three medical clinics. They connect women with community partners to help with resources they need to have a healthier, more productive future. We will be partnering with this ministry to raise money that will go directly to supporting women in unexpected / crisis pregnancies. Drop off your Baby Bottle filled with coins, cash, or a check by Father's Day, June 15th in a box located in the Narthex. Contact Alexa Cannella if you have any questions.

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## UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

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### **The Bible Recap | Wed., June 4 | 7:00-8:15 pm | Dottie's home**

Contact Dottie Wobb at 954-649-7930 for info on this women's in-person Bible study meeting once a month at her home located at 5716 A Polk Street, Hollywood, 33021.

### **Anxiety Support Group | June 9 | 7:00-8:00 pm | Library**

Join a supportive group of adults (within the membership and from outside) to help encourage one another in dealing with anxiety. This will be their last meeting until the Fall when they will resume.

### **SALT Pizza Party & Ice Cream Social | June 11 | 11:30 AM -1:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Save the date and join us for a fun time in the Fellowship Hall.

### **VBS is Happening!!! | June 23-27 | 9 AM—12 Pm**

We need YOU!! Kids ages 4-11 years old—join us for a fun-filled week of learning how to live like Christ. Youth and adults—please lend a helping hand to make this the best week ever! Use the QR code on the table in the Narthex to register your children and/or sign up to be a volunteer. If you would lend us the following, we would appreciate it! —Let us know on the *Keeping in Touch* form.

10 Christmas trees (any size)	Camping lanterns	Blue, brown, & green fabric (large pieces)
1 tent (2–4 person)	6-8 Camping chairs	Portable stove
Back packs	4 Fishing poles	6 wooden fireplace logs
2-4 wooden oars	1 inflatable raft	1 blue tarp
60 Twigs (approx. 12" long	& 1/2 "thick—for craft	

### **Orchid:**

Today's orchid is given by Jim & Beverly Taylor in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary on May 30th. The share this anniversary date with William & Mary Escobar married 33 years. Congratulations to both couples! If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2025 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the *Keeping in Touch* form.

