



May 11, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

This letter is truly the most important piece in the New Testament. It is purest Gospel. It is well worth a Christian's while not only to memorize it word for word but also to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well. The more one deals with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.

— Martin Luther, *Preface to the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans* (1522) Trans. Bro. Andrew Thornton, OSB, for the Saint Anselm College Humanities Program. (c)1983

It is necessary that Christ should come to our aid; who, being alone just, can render us just by transferring to us his own righteousness. You now see how the righteousness of faith is the righteousness of Christ. When therefore we are justified, the efficient cause is the mercy of God, the meritorious is Christ, the instrumental is the word in connection with faith. Hence faith is said to justify, because it is the instrument by which we receive Christ, in whom righteousness is conveyed to us. Having been made partakers of Christ, we ourselves are not only just, but our works also are counted just before God, and for this reason, because whatever imperfections there may be in them, are obliterated by the blood of Christ; the promises, which are conditional, are also by the same grace fulfilled to us; for God rewards our works as perfect, inasmuch as their defects are covered by free pardon.

— *John Calvin, Commentary on the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans, 138–139.*

## **The Prelude**

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Call to Worship: *Psalm 95.1-7***

*O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,  
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,  
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.  
For the LORD is a great God  
And a great King above all gods,  
In whose hand are the depths of the earth,  
The peaks of the mountains are His also.  
The sea is His, for it was He who made it,  
And His hands formed the dry land.  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
For He is our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.*

### **(Prayer)**

## The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 **“We are God’s People”** (all 4 verses)

#355

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”** (vv. 1,3,5)

#338

11:15 **“Mighty to Save”**

-Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,  
The Hope of nations.

**Savior, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation;  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.**

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures,  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in  
Now I surrender.

**(Chorus)**

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

**(Chorus-2x's)**

**11:15 “Your Spirit”**

-- David, Helsler

Not by might, not by power,  
by Your Spirit, God; send Your Spirit, God.  
(repeat)

You are the fire, we are the temple; You are the voice, we are Your song;  
You are our God, we are Your people; You are the light, we stand in awe.

We stand in awe of You. We stand in awe of You.  
(CHORUS)

You called us out, out of the darkness into Your love, into Your light;  
Grace upon grace, beauty for ashes, You come to us, we come alive.

We stand in awe of You. We stand in awe of You  
(CHORUS)

Breathe, come and breathe on us. Spirit, breathe, Spirit, breathe on us.  
(REPEAT)

We stand in awe of You. We stand in awe of You.  
(CHORUS)

## Responding to God's Word In Prayer:

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6.1-3)*

*Yet Jerusalem says, "The LORD has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us."*

*"Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of My hands. Always in My mind is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins. (Isaiah 49.14-16 NLT)*

We confess that we have failed to appreciate and honor those in authority over us and that these failings are ultimately an affront against You. **(silent confession)**

Our Father, we thank You for our mothers and for those women who have mentored us, guided us and nurtured us in the Lord. These have reflected Your tender care and never-failing commitment for us—they showed us the meaning of love. **(silent thanksgiving)**

We pray for mothers, grandmothers and women mentors in this congregation; we ask that they be helped in their tasks, encouraged in the Lord, comforted in their sorrows, filled with hope and endowed with all the fruit of the Spirit that comes by faith in Jesus Christ. **(silent prayer)**

And now we address the perfect Parent in that privileged way our Savior 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.**

## **The Declaration of Faith and Offering:**

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **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.**

\*The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer false teachings that denied the Biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

**9:00 “Only a Holy God”**

-Farren, Robinson, Smith, Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God

**Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God**

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God  
(CHORUS)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God  
(CHORUS)

## 11:15 “Calling My Children Home”

—Emmylou Harris (Traditional)

Those lives were mine to love and cherish.  
To guard and guide along life’s way.  
Oh God forbid that one should perish.  
That one alas should go stray.

Back in the years with all together,  
Around the place we’d romp and play.  
So lonely now and oft’ times wonder,  
Oh will they come back home some day.

I’m lonesome for my precious children,  
They live so far away.  
Oh may they hear my calling  
And come back home some day.

I gave my all for my dear children,  
Their problems still with love I share,  
I’d brave life’s storm, defy the tempest  
To bring them home from anywhere.

I lived my life, my love I gave them,  
to guide them through this world of strife,  
I hope and pray we’ll live together,  
In that great glad here after life.

I’m lonesome for my precious children,  
They live so far away.  
Oh may they hear my calling  
And come back home some day.

## The Scripture Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1.1-17

*Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,<sup>2</sup> which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,<sup>4</sup> who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,<sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,<sup>6</sup> among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;*

*<sup>7</sup>to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>8</sup>First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world. <sup>9</sup>For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, <sup>10</sup>always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup>For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; <sup>12</sup>that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup>I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup>So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. <sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

**The Sermon**

- T. J. Campo

***The Letter to Rome*** | Slaves Freed to Love  
*“Gospel Desire”*

## The Closing Hymn

**9:00 “I’m Not Ashamed to Own My Lord” (all 4 verses)**

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**11:15 “Who You Say I Am”**

-Fielding, Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost, but He brought me in,  
Oh His love for me. Oh His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed, I'm a child of God! Yes I am!

Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin,  
Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God. Yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God. Yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken;  
I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am

**(REPEAT)**

Oh I am who You say I am  
Yes I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God. Yes I am.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me,  
I'm a child of God! Yes I am!

## The Benediction and Amen

## The Postlude

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## SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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### **NEW 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 — *Gospel Desire* — 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
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	Men's Fellowship (Narthex)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Narthex)
		Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
	7:00 PM	Anxiety Support Group (Library)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM	PRYouth
	6:30 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on Ephesians (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	S.A.L.T. Scam Prevention Presentation
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Contact: Grace Sked at grace@parkroadpres.org
	11:15 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Classes

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### **Anxiety Support Group | May 12 | 7:00-8:00 pm | Library**

Join a supportive group of adults (within the membership and from outside) who meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 pm, to help encourage one another in dealing with anxiety.

### **SALT Scam Prevention Presentation | Wed., May 14 | 11:30 AM**

Join us for a light lunch and valuable information on avoiding the latest scams, often targeting seniors. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to attend.

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## UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

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### **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 offering pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, STI testing & treatment, options counseling, education for new parents, insurance enrollment for prenatal care and more. 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 for the next month to raise money that will go directly to supporting women in unexpected / crisis pregnancies. Pick up a Baby Bottle from the Narthex and fill it up with coins, cash, or a check! Drop it back off by Father's Day, June 15th. Contact Alexa Cannella if you have any questions.

### **SALT Movie: Miss Rose White | Wed., May 21 | 11:30 AM**

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather on Wednesday, May 21 to watch the movie, *Miss Rose White*. Bring your own snack to enjoy. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

### **Cancer Support Group | Wed., May 21 | 6:30-7:30 pm | Library**

This peer support group is for anyone affected by cancer. Join us on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm to share experiences and offer support, encouragement, and prayer. Any questions contact Joanne Gulum at jgulum007@aol.com

### **Park Road Worship Team Interest Jam Session | Wed., May 21 | 6:00-7:30 PM**

Here is an invitation to jam, whether you're new or returning to participate in the Worship Team. Mark your calendars for May 21st at 6:00 PM and we'll meet you in the Sanctuary. Please pick up a flyer in the Narthex to fill out the form in the QR code.

### **Moms Connect | Sat., May 24 | 9:30—11:30 am | Rec Room**

All moms are invited to join Jenny Letizia & Meegan Dorn at the church in the Rec Room (2nd floor) for a time of prayer and fellowship. Moms of all different seasons of life are invited and childcare is provided.

### **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.

### **Orchid:**

Today's orchid is given by Kim Hopkins in memory of her mom. 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.

