

May 4, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

“Every day is important for us because it is a day ordained by God. If we are bored with life there is something wrong with our concept of God and His involvement in our daily lives. Even the most dull and tedious days of our lives are ordained by God and ought to be used by us to glorify Him.”

Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts*

“..left to ourselves we lapse into a kind of collusion with entropy, acquiescing in the general belief that things may be getting worse but that there's nothing much we can do about them. And we are wrong. Our task in the present...is to live as resurrection people in between Easter and the final day, with our Christian life, corporate and individual, in both worship and mission, as a sign of the first and a foretaste of the second.”

N. T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*

“You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you might find, you get what you need.”

Mick Jagger

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *Romans 6.5-7*

For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 **“Holy, Holy, Holy”** (all 4 verses)

#100

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” (vv. 1, 3-5)

#705

11:15 **“Nothing But the Blood”**

-Lowry

What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus 2x)

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

11:15 "I Speak Jesus"

- Benton, Dutton, Pratt, Prince, Reeves, Smith

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power, Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold, shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

(Chorus)

Shout Jesus from the mountains, and Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly,
I speak the holy Name of Jesus

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

The Prayers of God's People

Reader: O God of Grace, You have charged my sin to my Substitute, and have credited His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness.

But in my daily Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my tears of contrition are only more impurity; my confessions of wrong only stir up more sin; my receiving the Spirit is permeated with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed.

I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and yet by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for You justify only the ungodly.

I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, 'Father, forgive me', and You are always bringing out the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the Great White Throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun.

Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace.*

All: Lord, have mercy;
 Christ have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.

(Silent Confession)

God's Word of Grace to All Who Believe in Jesus Christ: (Gal 4.6-7; Mat. 6.8-13)

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God... And your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Pray, then, in this way:

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.

* from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions (1998)*

The Declaration of Faith and Offering:

(We use the Declaration of Faith and Offering to “preach to ourselves” the reason for our hope. The Christian’s confidence is in God’s truth and in God’s care. Because Park Road is a church for both convinced Christians and for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we invite you to use this time and the musical reflection to think, pray, offer and consider what God is doing in your life.)

The Apostles’ Creed:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick * and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic church,**

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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.

*Although not written by the apostles, the *Apostles’ Creed* is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. *i.e. “living” ** ‘Catholic’ means international unlike the Old Testament Church which was a single nation.

9:00 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

-Courtney (*Job* 19:25-26 & *1 Corinthians* 13:12)

I know that my Redeemer lives,
I know that my Redeemer lives,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though my body be destroyed,
And though my body be destroyed,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! I know that my Redeemer lives!
Alleluia! Alleluia! I know that my Redeemer lives!

Now we see in a glass dimly,
But then, face to face;
Now I know in part,
But then, I shall know as I am known.

(CHORUS)

I know that my Redeemer lives.

11:15 “Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

-Baloche, Brown

(Children’s Choir)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus

(Repeat lyrics from the beginning)

Because when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

(Chorus 2x)

Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna, hosanna

The Scripture Reading: Acts 5.12-32; Colossians 3.1-4 (NIV)

The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

¹⁷Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy.¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

²¹At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin-- the full assembly of the elders of Israel-- and sent to the jail for the apostles.²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported,²³ "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside."²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.²⁵ Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people."²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

²⁷The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging Him on a cross. ³¹God exalted Him to His own right hand as Prince and Savior that He might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Col 3.1-4 *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God!

Sermon

- Phil Letizia

“The New Life”

The Hymn of Preparation

9:00 “To God Be the Glory” (vv. 1-2)

#55

11:15 “Never Cease to Praise” (vv. 1-2)

-Bourque

1. May we run this race, may we keep the faith, may our eyes be fixed on Jesus
That we'll not lose heart in our struggle with sin and through suffering know endurance.
May we arm ourselves with the mind of Christ to rejoice in trials and be not surprised.
May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.
2. May our company be the saints You've called. May we all stand firm in one spirit
That the gospel's truth may resound on earth that all living things may hear it.
May the fruits of faith mark the path we trod through the life of Christ to the glory of God.
May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.
3. May the words we share be Your grace and peace, may our tongues speak Your proclamations
That the many parts of the body of Christ be affirmed in their right relation.
As we long and wait for the groom to come, may we learn to love and spur each other on.
May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.
4. When that day arrives, and the race is won, when our griefs give way to deliverance,
We will fully know as we're fully known. all our groans will end as new songs begin.
And a multitude from ev'ry tribe and tongue, wearing robes of white, will stand before Your throne
And our hearts will be so consumed by You that we'll never cease to praise.

May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers. (Gluten-Free bread is on the middle of the table.)

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Bread

The Wine

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “To God Be the Glory” (v. 3)

#55

11:15 “Never Cease to Praise” (vv. 3-4)

-Bourque

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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 — *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

NEW 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! If you would like to be a part of this class, please fill out the ***Keeping in Touch*** form or reach out to TJ at tj@standrewspca.com

The Book of Genesis

The Book of Beginnings, Genesis starts with an emphasis on seed. The seeds of all that is to come in the history of the human race are planted and begin to grow in these early chapters. They answer questions like: “What are human beings? Why are we here? What is our relationship to nature and the world?” If we want to know the God of Creation and Redemption and if we want to know ourselves and our purpose for living, this is the place to begin.

Children Sunday School

Nursery care is available for children 3 and younger. We encourage your children to join you for our Combined Sunday Class.

THIS WEEK AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

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

Sunday	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday Classes
Monday	6:00 PM	Men's Fellowship (Narthex)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Narthex)
Tuesday		Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
	6:30 PM	PRYouth
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on Ephesians (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
Thursday	6:30-8:30 PM	Young Adults
	7:00-8:15 PM	The Bible Recap-NT (Dottie's House)
	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
Saturday	6:30 PM	ESL Classes
	7:00 AM—Noon	Work Day

UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

Young Adults | Wed., May 7 | 6:30-8:30 PM

If you're a young adult looking for a community to get plugged into, join us on Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the church. If you're not connected to our email list or text alerts reach out to Jonathan (Jonathan@parkroadpres.org) to see what we're doing this month!

The Bible Recap | Wed., May 7 | 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.

Church Work Day | Sat., May 10 | 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

We are spending the morning beautifying our campus by doing landscaping projects. Come out for all or just part of the morning to lend a hand. Contact Willy Escobar at 954-444-0499 if you have any questions.

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 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.

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.

UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

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:

The orchid is given today by Kim Hopkins in memory of her dad's 98th birthday. 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.

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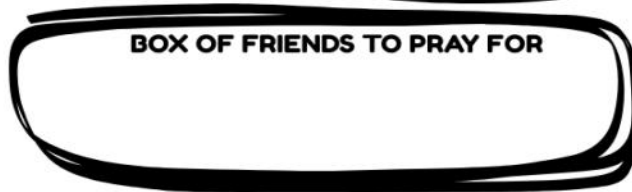
Kids Sermon Notes!

SERMON

TITLE: _____

BIBLE

VERSES: _____



FILL IN THE BLANK

(hint: it's our scripture memory verse in Children's Church)

Oh _____, you are my _____; I
will _____ you; I will _____ your name, for you have done
_____ things, plans formed of _____, _____ and sure.
Isaiah 25:1

MOTHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH

P A R E N T H V A L I Y
M O M F R I U A C O A S
S O L A R D G S H V S W
C Q M M O I S K I I N E
A S O I G L E F L N E E
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KIND
HUGS
FAMILY
CARING

MOTHER
GIVING
FRIEND
MOM

CHILD
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LOVING

