



July 13, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

Why me, Lord, what have I ever done  
To deserve even one of the pleasures I've known?  
Tell me, Lord, what did I ever do  
That was worth love from you or the kindness you've shown?

Lord help me, Jesus, I've wasted it  
So help me, Jesus, I know what I am  
But now that I know that I've needed you so  
Help me, Jesus, my soul's in your hand

— Kris Kristofferson, “Why Me?” (Track 11 on the  
1989 album, *Help Me Make It Through the Night*)

From my childhood up, my mind had been full of objections against the doctrine of God's sovereignty ... It used to appear like a horrible doctrine to me. But I remember the time very well, when I seemed to be convinced, and fully satisfied, as to this sovereignty of God... But never could give an account of how, or by what means, I was thus convinced, not in the least imagining at the time, nor a long time after, that there was any extraordinary influence of God's Spirit in it; but only that now I saw further, and my reason apprehended the justice and reasonableness of it.

And there has been a wonderful alteration in my mind, with respect to the doctrine of God's sovereignty from that day to this; so that I scarce ever have found so much as the rising of an objection against it, in the most absolute sense... I have often since not only had a conviction, but a delightful conviction. The doctrine has very often appeared exceedingly pleasant, bright, and sweet. Absolute sovereignty is what I love to ascribe to God. But my first conviction was not so.

— **Jonathan Edwards** (1703-1758) *Works*, I,  
xii-xiii (*Banner of Truth Trust* edition)

The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care, that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may, from the certainty of their effectual vocation, be assured of their eternal election. So shall this doctrine afford matter of praise, reverence, and admiration of God, and of humility, diligence, and abundant consolation, to all that sincerely obey the Gospel.

— *Westminster Confession of Faith* (1647) CH 3, Article 8

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## **The Prelude**

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

## **Introduction of New Members (Membership Vows Page 11)**

### **The Call to Worship: *The Sixty Seventh Psalm***

*God be gracious to us and bless us,  
And cause His face to shine upon us—*

*That Your way may be known on the earth,  
Your salvation among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;*

*Let all the peoples praise You.*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;*

*For You will judge the peoples with uprightness*

*And guide the nations on the earth.*

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;*

*Let all the peoples praise You.*

*The earth has yielded its produce;*

*God, our God, blesses us.*

*God blesses us,*

*That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.*

(Prayer)

### **The Introit (9:00) “O God Beyond All Praising”**

-Perry

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
all blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
we honor & adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 **“O Worship the King”** (vv. 1-2,. 4-5)

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**“Praise to the Lord Almighty”** (vv. 1-3, 5)

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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!

**11:15 “Reckless Love”**

-Asbury, Culver, Jackson

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me;  
You have been so, so good to me.  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me;  
You have been so, so kind to me.

**O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God!  
O, it chases me down, fights ‘til I’m found, leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn’t earn it, I don’t deserve it, still You give Yourself away.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God!**

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me;  
You have been so, so good to me.  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me;  
You have been so, so kind to me.

**(Chorus)**

There’s no shadow You won’t light up,  
mountain You won’t climb up, coming after me.  
There’s no wall You won’t kick down,  
lie You won’t tear down, coming after me.

**(Repeat)**

**(Chorus)**

## A Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, sovereign King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from Your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger, malice, envy and folly are laid bare before Your eyes.

We turn to You and ask that You cover us with Christ. Convince us afresh concerning Jesus Christ, that His blood is our peace, His death is our freedom, His Spirit is our power. Open the eyes of our hearts to know that service to You is true freedom. Amen

(Silence for Individual Confession)

## Pronouncement of Forgiveness and New Grace for All Who Believe the Gospel

*When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 'I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (Luke 15.5-7)*

## Prayers of Gratitude and Need

Our Father, help us to know that You love us; help us to know the joy of repentance being convinced that our Father runs to welcome us home. **(Silence)**

We pray for areas of our own lives in which we have failed again and again; Lord, show us a sign for good and grant us growth and renewal. **(Silence)**

We pray for the Lacy family as they relocate to Detroit and for us as we seek to fill their place here; Lord, advance Your Kingdom! **(Silence)**

We pray for people in Texas who need healing, hope, faith in the Living God, encouragement and love. Lord, help them as they mourn. **(Silence)**

## The Declaration of Faith and Offering

*(In the Declaration of Faith and Offering we respond to God, giving back the truth that He has put in our hearts and the resources He has put in our pockets. Please use this time and the musical reflection to think, pray, give and consider what God is doing in your life.)*

### The Heidelberg Catechism\*: Question 1

Reader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to Him,  
Christ, by His Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and is making me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for Him. 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 Heidelberg Catechism was composed in 1563 and is to this day an authoritative confession for the Reformed Churches (German and Dutch), closely related to the Presbyterian Churches.

**9:00 “The God of Abraham Praise”**

(Romans 8:28, 32)

– Olivers, arr. Buda

The God of Abraham praise  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days,  
And God of Love;  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
By earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred Name forever blest.

There dwells the Lord, our King,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o’er the world and sin,  
Our Prince of peace.  
On Zion’s sacred height  
His kingdom still maintains,  
And glorious with His saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,” they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham’s God, and mine!  
My hands in worship raise.  
All might and majesty are Thine, and endless praise.  
To God we give our endless praise!

**11:15 “Hell or High Water”**

Riddle, Tierce, Kennedy, Gayle, Musso, Nilsen,  
Slay, Sherman., Bason, Gazdik, Frazier

You never change. You stay the same  
My Rock, You're ev'rything I'll ever need

You're ever near. So present here  
My Help, You're everything I'll ever need

Jesus You're greater than my fear

**So come hell or high water You're still on the throne  
You are faithful and able You're in control  
There's no question about it You're King over all  
I know who You are**

You'll be my strength. You'll be my peace  
My God forever You'll be strong in me  
**(Chorus x2)**

Steady, constant. I have this confidence  
Mercy, goodness. I have this confidence  
Awesome, mighty. I have this confidence  
I know who You are

Defender, Healer. You are my confidence  
Protector, Shepherd. You are my confidence  
Jesus, Savior. You are my confidence  
I know who You are  
I know who You are  
(Repeat)

**(Chorus)**

I know who You are

## **The Scripture Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, 9. 6-26**

*But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;<sup>7</sup> nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."<sup>8</sup> That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.<sup>9</sup> For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."<sup>10</sup> And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;<sup>11</sup> for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,<sup>12</sup> it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."<sup>13</sup> Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."*

<sup>14</sup> *What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be!*<sup>15</sup> *For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."<sup>16</sup> So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.<sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."<sup>18</sup> So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.*

<sup>19</sup> *You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?"<sup>20</sup> On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?<sup>21</sup> Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?<sup>22</sup> What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?<sup>23</sup> And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,<sup>24</sup> even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.<sup>25</sup> As He says also in Hosea, "I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.'"<sup>26</sup> "AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD."*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks Be to God!

The Sermon

- T. J. Campo

***The Letter to Rome*** | Slaves Freed to Love  
*“Recipients of God’s Mercy”*

## The Closing Hymn

**9:00 “The Church’s One Foundation” (vv. 1-2, 5-6)**

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**11:15 “Hear Us From Heaven”**

-Anderson

Lord, hear our cry, come heal our land  
Breathe life into these dry and thirsty souls  
Lord, hear our prayer, forgive our sin  
And as we call on Your name  
Would You make this a place for Your glory to dwell

**Open the blind eyes. Unlock the deaf ears  
Come to Your people as we draw near  
Hear us from heaven  
Touch our generation  
We are Your people  
Crying out in desperation**

Lord, hear our song, Your children worship  
And as we sing out Your praise  
Would You make this a place for Your glory to dwell  
**(Chorus)**

Hear us from heaven. Hear us from heaven. Hear us from heaven.  
**(Repeat 3x)**

**(Chorus 2x)**

## 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!

July 13— Rom. 9:19-33 Recipients of God’s Mercy

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

#### **The Big Chill | Fellowship Hall**

Throughout hot July, we’ll chill out in the Fellowship Hall for some quality time together. Come enjoy freshly brewed coffee, tasty pastries, and wonderful company. Each table will have ice-breaker suggestions to spark conversation, but feel free to let the discussion flow naturally, too! This is a fantastic chance to meet new friends and families at Park Road. Take some time to get to know those sitting near you each Sunday!

#### **Children’s Sunday School**

Nursery care is available for children 3 and younger.

### **MEMBERSHIP VOWS**

- I. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- II. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- III. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- IV. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- V. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?
- VI. Do you agree that if at anytime you consider no longer attending St. Andrews Park Road Presbyterian Church that you will make an appointment with an Elder or Pastor to discuss this decision?

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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>	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM	PRYouth
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on John (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	S.A.L.T. Movie (Library)
	6:30—7:25 PM	Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Cancer Support Group (Library)
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00—11:00 AM	Worship Team Group Practice

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### **Send-Off for Jonathan and Kara Lacy - Today after 11:15am Service - Narthex**

Today is Assistant Pastor Jonathan Lacy's last Sunday with us at Park Road Pres. The Lacy family will be moving to join a city church planting movement in Detroit, Michigan. We will miss them so much, and today we invite you to join us in the Narthex after the second service for cake and refreshments. Jonathan and Kara would love the opportunity to hug you and say, "See ya later."

### **Men's Fellowship & Bible Study | Mon., July 14 | 6:30-8:00 PM**

The men resume their time of fellowship and Bible study on Monday nights. Come and join them at 6:30 PM on July 14th.

### **S.A.L.T. Movie: *The Chosen* | Wed., July 16 | 11:30 AM | Library**

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather on Wednesday, July 16th to watch Season 5, episodes 1 & 2 of *The Chosen*. Bring your own snack to enjoy. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** from if you plan to attend.

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## JULY at PARK ROAD

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### **Cancer Support Group | Wed., July 16 | 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

### **Moms Connect | Sat., July 26 | 9:30—11:30 AM | Rec Room**

All moms are invited to join 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.

### **School Supplies**

Throughout the month of July we will be collecting back-to-school supplies to be donated to The Caring Place at Broward Outreach. Look for a display in the Narthex to drop off the items.

Suggestions include: composition books, notebooks, highlighters, crayons, pens, pencils, backpacks, and new sneakers. Broward Outreach is a Christian organization that provides services such as medical care, schooling, job skills, transitional housing and much more. For information contact Joanne Gulum 518.221.9434

### **Summer ESL-Citizenship Course – Please Pray!**

This summer, our ESL Ministry is offering a special 10-week Citizenship Course for our adult English learners. While the students will continue learning English, these sessions also include material about the United States that they will need to become citizens.

Please join us in praying that this course will equip our students with language skills and civic knowledge AND demonstrate Christ's love and care in meaningful ways. Pray for open hearts, smooth communication, and for God's blessing. Thank you for supporting this ministry with your prayers!

### **Orchid:**

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.

