

August 31, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

It seems essential, in relationships and all tasks, that we concentrate only on what is most significant and important.

— **Søren Kierkegaard**, *Works of Love* (1847)

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

— **Stephen Covey**, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* (1989)

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are, in anything, contrary to His Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship. So that to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commands out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience: and the requiring of an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience, and reason also.

— *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, (20.2 — “Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience”; 1647)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *The Revelation* Ch. 5, vv. 4-10

Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; and one of the elders said to me,

*"Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."*

And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

*"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals;
for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood
men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God;
and they will reign upon the earth."*

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “Arise, O God, and Shine” (all 4 verses)

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“Jesus Shall Reign” (vv. 1, 3-5)

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11:15 “The Lion and the Lamb”

-Mooring, Johnson, Brown

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise
For Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

**Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh every knee will bow before Him.**

Oh, oh, oh

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(Chorus)

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?

(Chorus)

Oh, oh, oh

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

(Repeat)

11:15 “We Believe”

- Ryan/Fike/Hooper

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,
there is only One foundation- we believe, we believe.
In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see
there is only One salvation- we believe, we believe.

**We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ,
we believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death,
we believe in the resurrection and He’s comin’ back again-
(we believe)**

So let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing;
and in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe!
(Chorus)

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now, let love invade.
Let the church live loud. “Our God,” we’ll say, “We believe, we believe!”
And the gates of hell will not prevail for the pow’r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe!

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ,
we believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death,
we believe in the resurrection and He’s comin’ back, He’s comin’ back again,
He’s comin’ back again. We believe! We believe!

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (11:15 Service):

Sam and Kristen McGinnis receive the Promises of God on behalf of their son, Micah Maxamillian McGinnis, born May 31, 2025.

Jonathan and Becky Cordle receive the Promises of God on behalf of their daughter, Evangeline Marie Cordle, born June 9, 2025.

Kailyn Rae Dunkelberger

The Prayers of God's People

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. -Ephesians 3.18-21

Lord Jesus Christ, make us a church, that knows Your love and expresses Your love to one another and to outsiders. Reign over us; be glorified in us. **(silence)**

Spirit of God, do more than we ask or imagine; come to the aid of the people for whom we now pray. **(silence)**

Our Father, encourage us as we seek to raise up a generation of believers in Jesus Christ; we want You to be praised in our families, our children, our vocations and in the way we trust You in all things; turn to us and be gracious. **(silence)**

Now we pray as our Savior taught His disciples 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

(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.)

Jew and Gentile, One In Christ: St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (2.11-14)

Reader: Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands—

People: remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Reader: But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

All: For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall. 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.**

9:00 “Make Me a Servant”

-Willard

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the pray’r of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

11:15 "East to West"

-Hall, Herms

Here I am, Lord, and I'm drowning in Your sea of forgetfulness
The chains of yesterday surround me, I yearn for peace and rest
I don't want to end up where You found me
And it echoes in my mind, keeps me awake tonight

I know You've cast my sin as far as the east is from the west
And I stand before You now as, as though I've never sinned
But today I feel like I'm just one mistake away from You leaving me this way

**Jesus, can You show me just how far the east is from the west?
'Cause I can't bear to see the man I've been rising up in me again
In the arms of Your mercy I find rest
'Cause You know just how far the east is from the west
From one scarred hand to the other**

I start the day, the war begins, endless reminding of my sin
Time and time again Your truth is drowned out by the storm I'm in
Today, I feel like I'm just one mistake away from You leaving me this way
(Chorus)

I know You've washed me white, turned my darkness into light
I need Your peace to get me through, to get me through this night
I can't live by what I feel, but by the truth Your Word reveals
I'm not holding on to You, but You're holding on to me
You're holding on to me

Jesus, You know just how far the east is from the west
'Cause I can't bear to see the man I've been rising up in me again
In the arms of Your mercy I find rest
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The Scripture Reading: St Paul's Letter to Rome Chapter 14

Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.

² One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only. ³ The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. ⁴ Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; ⁸ for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."¹² So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this-- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way. ¹⁴ I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. ¹⁵ For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. ²⁰ Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles. ²² The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. ²³ But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is 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
"Grey Matters"

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (vv. 1-4)

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11:15 “Trust in God”

- Hall/Grape, Nifong

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough

I trust in God, my Savior, the One who will never fail. He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior, the One who will never fail. He will never fail

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long
(Chorus)

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why...
(Chorus)

I trust in God.

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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!

Sept. 7—Romans 16

“This is the Church; This is the Steeple...”

SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

Sovereign Grace: A Study of God’s Plan, Purpose, and Work of Predestination | Fellowship Hall

The Bible says some startling things about God’s overarching sovereignty and His work in the world. It speaks of God’s “chosen people” and of how certain events and people have been “predestined.” We will look at this topic and ask some of the tough and heart-felt questions and objections that such statements bring about. Join Dr. John Stevenson in the Fellowship Hall.

The Gospel-Centered Life | T. J. & Missy Campo | Library

The Gospel-Centered Life is intended to help Christians understand how the gospel shapes every aspect of life and conduct. Colossians 1.6 says that “the gospel is continually bearing fruit and increasing” in and among us even after we first believe it. How does this happen? Why is a continual re-discovery and re-application of the gospel so important? How will our personal growth and mission life be stunted if we don’t grasp the gospel deeply? These are the questions that *The Gospel Centered Life* seeks to answer.

Junior & High School Sunday Class | Meegan Dorn & Sky McNeill | Room #4 (2nd floor)

Join us this semester as Senior and Junior High listen to the bold voices of the Old Testament prophets calling for change in the hearts of Israel and Judah. These original “rebels” with a purpose call out corrupt kings and nefarious nations to turn back to God.

Elementary Sunday School (Grades K-5) Fall Session – Rooms #1 & 2 (2nd floor)

This fall, our elementary kids will explore what it means to truly worship God—both in heart and action. We invite all children in grades K-5 to join Elijah McNeill for this meaningful and interactive learning experience.

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
	12:45 PM	Parent Meeting-Elementary Ministry
	1:00 PM	S.A.L.T. Lunch Bunch @ DiSalvo's
Monday	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 PM	PRYouth
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on John (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	SALT: Movie- <i>Testament</i> (Library)
	6:30—7:25 PM	Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	The Bible Recap (Dottie's home)
	7:00 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal Begins
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Registration
Friday	7:00-900 PM	Young Adult Women's Craft Night (Meneely's home)

Parent Meeting – Elementary Ministry | Sun., Aug. 31 | Immediately After 2nd Service

Parents of elementary-aged children, we invite you to join us for an important meeting with church leadership right after the second service on Sun., Aug. 31. This will be a valuable time to connect, share ideas, & explore how to best support & minister to our school-age kids together.

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sun., Aug. 31 | 1:00 pm

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on August 31 at DiSalvos located at 4190 N. 46 Ave. Hollywood, 33021

SALT Movie: Testament | Wed., Sept. 3 | 11:30 AM | Library

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd to watch the movie, *Testament*. Bring your own snack to enjoy. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

The Bible Recap | Wed., Sept. 3 | 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.

UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

Christmas Concert Choir Rehearsals Begin Wed. Sept. 3rd

The Park Road choir welcomes you to sing with them at this year's Christmas Concert on Fri., Dec. 12 at 7 pm. The weekly, 30-minute Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin Wed., Sept. 3 at 7:30 pm. Audio recordings will be provided to help you learn the songs more easily. No vocal audition required. Email Dwight Taylor for more information: dwight@parkroadpres.org

Young Adult Women's Craft Night | Fri., Sept. 5 | 7-9 PM

Come Craft With Us! Join us for a relaxed and creative gathering where everyone brings their own craft project. Whether you're into knitting, painting, jewelry making, or scrapbooking—bring what you love to work on! Not a crafter (yet)? No problem! Just stop by Hobby Lobby or your favorite craft store (or Amazon), pick up a beginner-friendly kit, and dive in with us. A perfect occasion to create, connect, and unwind. Light refreshments provided. Hosted at Miriam Meneely's home. Please RSVP on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form for the address.

SALT Bingo | Wed., Sept. 10 | 11:30 AM | Location TBD

Join the SALT group as they gather for Bingo! Bring your own snack and one wrapped slightly used "prize" per person. Please sign up on the *Keeping in Touch* form if you plan to attend.

Women's Ministry Bible Study Kick-off Event | Sat., Sept. 13 | 9:30-11:30 AM

All women are invited to join us for this NEW event where we will spend time together for fellowship & learn more about how we can practically engage personally in the Scriptures for Bible Study. You are not required to be in a Bible study to attend this event- all women are encouraged to come. Pastries & coffee will be provided. Let us know you're coming by signing up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Contact Alexa Cannella for questions! Childcare is provided.

Women's Bible Studies—1 & 2 Kings | Begins Week of Sept. 15th | 3 Different Days

All women are invited to sign up for a Bible Study this fall! We will have 3 opportunities for Bible study: Monday evenings (in-person, 7:30), Tuesday evenings (online, 6:30), and Thursday mornings (in-person, 9:15). This is a great way to become more connected to the church & get to know other women in a smaller group setting. Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Questions? Contact our Women's Ministry Director, Alexa Cannella.

Orchid:

Today's orchid is given by Wayne & Angie Carey in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2. 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

The Congregation extends its warmest regards to Travis and Taylor on their recent engagement. We all wish them well.

