

October 19, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

I have attended prayer breakfasts crowded with politicians and dignitaries. Often prayer starts and finishes by thanking God that we are in a free country and then we ask Him to bless us with continued prosperity. In other words, we ask God not to disrupt the existing order, but to bless and prosper the status quo. There is little awe of God and a distinct absence of repentance. We seldom intercede our offenses against God or humankind or cry out for those who feel the sting of poverty, the lash of injustice, or the pain of oppression. This is not kingdom prayer.

— John Smed, *Prayer Revolution: Rebuilding Church and City Through Prayer* (2020; p. 150)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: Romans 15.9-13 (ESV)

As it is written, "Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your Name."

And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."

And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol Him."

And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope."

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “My Hope is in the Lord” (all 4 verses)

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“My Hope is Built” (all 4 verses)

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11:15 “Is He Worthy?”

- Peterson, Shive, arr. Sorenson

LEADER: Do you feel the world is broken? **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you feel the shadows deepen? **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Is all creation groaning? **PEOPLE: It is.**

LEADER: Is a new creation coming? **PEOPLE: It is.**

LEADER: Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **PEOPLE: It is.**

LEADER: Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **PEOPLE: It is.**

ALL: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave!

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

LEADER: Does the Father truly love us? **PEOPLE: He does.**

LEADER: Does the Spirit move among us? **PEOPLE: He does.**

LEADER: And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **PEOPLE: He does.**

LEADER: Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **PEOPLE: He does.**

ALL: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave!

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy, is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

LEADER: Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **ALL: He is!**

LEADER: Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **ALL: He is! He is!**

11:15 “Holy Spirit”

-Torwalt

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope, Your presence Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord
Your Presence, Lord

(Repeat from beginning)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
(Repeat x2)

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

A Prayer of Confession In Response to Psalm 38.1-7

Reader: *O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger or discipline me in Your wrath. For Your arrows have pierced me, and Your hand has come down upon me. Because of Your wrath there is no health in my body; my bones have no soundness because of my sin. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly. I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning. My back is filled with searing pain; there is no health in my body.*

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

(Silent Reflection and Confession)

The Response of Grace for All Who Believe the Gospel: 2nd Corinthians 4.16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Prayers of Relief and Request

Our Father, we thank You for using our weakness to direct us to the finished work of Jesus and for applying that work to us by Your Holy Spirit: **(Silent prayer)**

We pray for a greater daily sense of hope and joy and all the benefits that belong to Your adopted children now and in the world to come: **(Silent prayer)**

We pray for Your work being carried out through Your servants, the Hunters, in Vienna and the local church You have established, New City Wien: **(Silent prayer)**

We pray for brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors, our loved ones and our enemies who are facing great difficulty: **(Silent prayer)**

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 “Balm in Gilead (Jeremiah 8:22)”

-Dawson

(Chorus 2x):

**There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a Balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

Sometimes I get discouraged
and think my work's in vain;
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

(Chorus)

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say He died for all.

(Chorus)

11:15 “God is In This Story”

- Pardo, Hulse, Nichole

There's torn up pages in this book
Words that tell me I'm no good
Chapters that defined me for so long
But the hands of grace and endless love
Dusted off and picked me up
Told my heart that hope is never gone

**God is in this story. God is in the details
Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart, He never fails
When I'm at my weakest I will trust in Jesus
Always in the highs and lows the One who goes before me
God is in this story**

So if the storm you're walking through
Feels like it's too much and you
Wonder if He even cares at all
Well, hold on tight to what you know
He promised He won't let you go
Your song of healing's written in His scars
(Chorus)

If it reads like addiction, if it reads like disease
He's the One who frees the prisoner. He's the healer of all things
If it reads like depression, if it reads like a broken home
He's the One who holds your sorrow. He won't leave you here alone
(Chorus)

Always in the highs and lows the One who goes before me
God is in this story
God is in this story

The Scripture Reading: 2nd Kings 20

*In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"*² *Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying, "*³*Remember now, O LORD, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. ⁴Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "*⁵*Return and say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. "*⁶*I will add fifteen years to your life, and I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'"*⁷ *Then Isaiah said, "Take a cake of figs." And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.*

⁸ *Now Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What will be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?" ⁹Isaiah said, "This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten steps or go back ten steps?" ¹⁰So Hezekiah answered, "It is easy for the shadow to decline ten steps; no, but let the shadow turn backward ten steps." ¹¹Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD, and He brought the shadow on the stairway back ten steps by which it had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.*

¹² *At that time Berodach-baladan a son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick. ¹³Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and the house of his armor and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them. ¹⁴Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon." ¹⁵He said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasuries that I have not shown them."*

¹⁶ *Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD. ' ¹⁷Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be*

carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD. ' ¹⁸Some of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away; and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.'" ¹⁹Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good." For he thought, "Is it not so, if there will be peace and truth in my days?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

The Sermon

- T.J. Campo

Hope In Disappointing Times | ***Second Kings***
Add Fifteen Years To Your Life

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “All For Jesus “ (all 5 verses)

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11:15 “How Vast the Benefits Divine”

- Toplady

How vast the benefits divine which we in Christ possess!
We are redeemed from guilt and shame and called to holiness.
But not for works which we have done, or shall hereafter do,
Hath God decreed on sinful men salvation to bestow.

The glory, Lord, from first to last, is due to Thee alone;
Aught to ourselves we dare not take, or rob Thee of Thy crown.
Our glorious Surety undertook to satisfy for man,
And grace was given us in Him before the world began.

This is Thy will, that in Thy love we ever should abide;
That earth and hell should not prevail to turn Thy word aside.
Not one of all the chosen race but shall to heav’n attain,
Partake on earth the purposed grace and then with Jesus reign.

Not one of all the chosen race but shall to heav’n attain,
Partake on earth the purposed grace and then with Jesus reign.
And then with Jesus reign.

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

SERMON SERIES

Hope In Disappointing Times | **Second Kings**

How are you feeling about the state of the Modern World? On one hand, there are untold comforts, conveniences, cures and conquests over the things that have long plagued humanity. On the other hand, we feel a bit nervous about these times, anxious about new technologies and how they may be misused. Wars and political uncertainties seem to be brewing. Will there be a next pandemic? This was also the case in ancient Judah and Israel. They were looking for kings, prophets and the temple to protect them but all these eventually disappointed. Still, a ray of hope could always be seen.

Oct. 19	Isaiah 38:1-8; 39:1-8	<i>Add Fifteen Years to Your Life</i>
26	2 nd Kings 21:1-18	<i>Seduced by Forgetfulness</i>
Nov. 2	2 nd Kings 22:11-12; 23:21-24	<i>The Reformer</i>

SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

The Reformation | John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall

So much of the Reformation was less about dusty debates and more about one burning question: How can a sinner be made right with a holy God? The Reformers were not inventors of a new faith, but rediscoverers of the old gospel. In a world where the message of grace had been buried beneath layers of ritual, fear, and human authority, they heard again the voice of Scripture: “The just shall live by faith.” This class is not merely about their lives; it’s about the gospel for which they contended, the truth they proclaimed, and the Christ they exalted.

Junior & High School Sunday Class | Fellowship Hall

For the month of October, junior & high schoolers will join the adults for The Reformation class. They will resume their Old Testament prophet study in November.

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

For the month of October, the children will join the adults for The Reformation class. They will resume in November learning what it means to truly worship God—both in heart and action. We invite all children in grades K-5 to join Eliyah McNeill, next month, for this meaningful and interactive learning experience.

Inquirer’s Class | Led by T. J. Campo | Begins Nov. 2

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

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	11:30 AM	Edith Riner Visitation (See pg. 13)
	12:30 PM	Edith Riner Funeral Service (See pg. 13)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
	7:30-9:00 PM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Alexa @ alexa@parkroadpres.org
Tuesday	6:30 PM	PRYouth
	6:30-8:30 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on John (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	6:30—7:25 PM	Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:15-11:00 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study 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
Saturday	9:00 AM	Worship Team Group Practice
	9:30 AM	Moms Connect (Rec Room)

Moms Connect | Sat., Oct. 25 | 9:30—11:30 AM | Rec Room

All moms are invited to join Meegan Dorn and Eva Fleming 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.

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.

HAPPENINGS at PARK ROAD

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to family and friends grieving the passing of the following loved ones last week: to Glenn Riner and family on the passing of Edith, his wife, on Sun., Oct. 12th. Sympathy cards may be sent to their daughter, Mary Riner at 110 NW 98 Terrace, Plantation, 33324; to Frank Alfieri and family on the passing of Charlotte, his wife on Mon., Oct. 13th. Sympathy cards may be sent to Frank at 6270 Sherman Street, Hollywood, 33024; Lloyd Thomas passed away on Wed., Oct. 15th.

Services for Edith Riner

Edith Riner's viewing and funeral service will take place on Monday, October 20th at the T.M. Ralph Plantation Funeral Home, located at 7001 NW 4th Street, Plantation 33317. The viewing will be held from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The funeral service will begin at 12:30 pm.

Meeting for Parents of Nursery, Toddler, & Preschool-Aged Children | Sun., Oct 26 | 10:00 AM (Sunday school hour) | Library

If you're a parent of little ones—from the nursery through preschool—you're invited to a special conversation with church leadership. We want to hear from you! This is a time to share your experiences, express your needs, and help shape how our church can best support you and your young children. Come enjoy some coffee and pastries while you connect with other young families and offer your insight.

S.A.L.T. (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sun., Oct. 26 | 1:00 PM

Once a month on the last Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them Oct. 26 at Applebee's Grill & Bar located at 10135 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, 33026.

S.A.L.T. Wunderbar German Kitchen & Biergarten | Wed., Oct. 29 | 11:30 AM

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Oct 29 at 11:30 AM when we gather at a German restaurant for our "Oktoberfest" celebration. You may want to carpool— so call Ginny Catania at 954-630-6738 ahead of time. The restaurant is located at 4995 Volunteer Rd., Davie, 33330. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to attend.

S.A.L.T. Meet up at TY Park | Wed. Nov. 5 | 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Bring a snack lunch and a chair for some outdoor fellowship. As you enter TY Park, make a left and look for the SALT group just past the playground on the left side.. Drop in and stay as long as you like.

Harvest Festival | Sat., Nov. 8 | 4-8 PM

Join us at the Harvest Festival, a community outreach event to connect with our neighbors and be witnesses for Jesus Christ. We will need volunteers to make chili, help out with games, face painting, set-up and tear-down. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you would like to volunteer.

