

March 15, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

I want to say to you, about myself, that I am a child of this age, a child of unfaith and skepticism, and probably (indeed I know it) shall remain so to the end of my life. How dreadfully has it tormented me (and torments me even now) this longing for faith, which is all the stronger for the proofs I have against it. And yet God gives me sometimes moments of perfect peace; in such moments I love and believe that I *am* loved; in such moments I have formulated my creed, wherein all is clear and holy to me. This creed is extremely simple; here it is: I believe that there is nothing lovelier, deeper, more sympathetic, more rational, more manly, and more perfect than the Savior; I say to myself with jealous love that not only is there no one else like Him, but that there could be no one.

- **Fyodor Dostoevsky** in *Letters of Fyodor Michailovitch Dostoevsky to his Family and Friends* (1914), p. 71

Q: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

- **Westminster Shorter Catechism** (1547) **Question 86**

And this is one of the most crucial definitions for the whole of Christianity: that the opposite of sin is not virtue but faith.

- **Søren Kierkegaard**, *The Sickness Unto Death* (1849)

Faith consists not in *doing* something but in *receiving* something. To say that we are justified by faith is just another way of saying that we are justified not in slightest measure by ourselves, but simply and solely by the One in whom our faith is reposed... faith means **receiving** something, not doing something or even being something... At bottom, faith is in one sense a very simple thing; it simply means that, abandoning the vain effort of earning one's way into God's presence, we accept the gift of salvation which Christ offers so full and free.

- **J. Gresham Machen**, *What is Faith?* (1925)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: Psalm 65.8 (NLT)

What mighty praise, O God, belongs to You in Zion. We will fulfill our vows to You, for You answer our prayers. All of us must come to You. Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, You forgive them all. What joy for those You choose to bring near, those who live in Your holy courts. What festivities await us inside Your holy Temple.

You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our Savior. You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas. You formed the mountains by Your power and armed Yourself with mighty strength. You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations.

Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, You inspire shouts of joy.

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 **“When Morning Gilds the Skies”** (vv. 1,3,6) #167

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (all 5 verses) #172

11:15 **“Your Grace is Enough”** -Tomlin

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation and all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough. Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.

(God I sing) Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me, for me.

11:15 "Run to the Father"

Carnes, Maher, Jackson

I've carried a burden for too long on my own
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go
I see it now, I'm laying it down
And I know that I need You

**I run to the Father, I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding no reason to wait
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend
So I'll run to the Father again and again
And again and again**

Oh...oh...oh...

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption, the price for my heart
I don't have a context for that kind of love
I don't understand, I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You

(Chorus)

Oh...oh...again and again.
And again and again. Oh...oh...oh...

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath
Running into Your arms is running to life from death
I feel this rush deep in my chest; Your mercy is calling out
Just as I am You pull me in and I know I need You now

(Repeat)

I run to the Father, I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding no reason to wait
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend
So I'll run to the Father again and again
And again and again

Oh...oh...again and again.
And again and again. Oh...oh...oh...

The United Confession of Sin:

ALL: Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You.

You call, but we have not listened.

We look away from neighbors in need, consumed by our own concerns.

We condone malice, lust, theft, and greed.

We are often prayerless and self-absorbed.

Reader: God of grace, come to us again in mercy that we may repent, rest in You and once again know the joyful relief of Your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Friend and Redeemer. Amen

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Grace and Pardon In Jesus Christ:

LORD, if You kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? But You offer forgiveness that we might learn to fear You. I am counting on the LORD; yes, I am counting on Him. I have put my hope in His word. (Psalm 130.3-5 NLT)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Request:

Thank You Father, for Your astounding patience with us; help us to count on You and be patient with Your perfect timing: **(silence)**

Lord, we pray for areas of the world where there is war, suffering, poverty, grief and where the Good News of Jesus Christ is unknown: **(silence)**

We ask for Fred and Sheila Reid in Tokyo, thank You for recent encouragements in their life and work. Provide for and use them as You will: **(silence)**

We pray for people You have placed in our lives, for specific people with specific needs; Lord, glorify Yourself by rescuing them: **(silence)**

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.)

From Death to Life: *St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (2.1-10)*

Reader: *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-*

People: *among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

Reader: *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,*

People: *even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

Reader: *so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

ALL: *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. 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 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. Card, Duncan

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His,
and He is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love He sought me;
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house forever.

11:15 “Give Me Jesus”

Camp

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus

When I am alone
When I am alone
Oh when I am alone
Give me Jesus
(Chorus)

When I come to die
When I come to die
Oh when I come to die
Give me Jesus
(Chorus)

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world, you can have all this world,
you can have all this world,
Just give me Jesus

The Scripture Reading: *The Good News According to Luke 17.5-21*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.

⁷ "Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'?⁸ "But will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink'?⁹ "He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?¹⁰ "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"

¹¹ While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.¹² As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;¹³ and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"¹⁴ When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed.¹⁵ Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,¹⁶ and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine-- where are they?¹⁸ "Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"¹⁹ And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

²⁰ Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed;²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God!**

The Sermon

— T. J Campo

The Longest Journey | *Good News According to Luke*

Thanking Outside the Box

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners” (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

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11:15 “O Help My Unbelief”

Isaac Watts, 1707/Justin Smith, 2007

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds fast in his slavish chains.
But there’s a voice of sov’rign grace, sounds from the sacred Word:
“O, ye despairing sinners, come and trust upon the Lord.”

My soul obeys th’ Almighty call and runs to this relief.
I would believe Thy promise Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of Thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul from crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, my reigning sins subdue;
Drive the old dragon from his seat, with all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, on Thy kind arms I fall;
Be Thou my strength and righteousness, my Jesus, and my all.

But there’s a voice of sov’rign grace, sounds from the sacred Word:
“O, ye despairing sinners, come and trust upon the Lord.”

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

SERMON SERIES

The Longest Journey | *Good News According to Luke*

The Gospel According to Luke has been called “the most beautiful book ever written”. When we read the account carefully, we can easily see the accuracy of that claim. In this carefully researched record, Luke, “the beloved physician” presents the Perfect Life of the Man who was the incarnation of God. We will walk with Him, the God who came from the highest heaven to the lowest place of condemnation and death in order to carry all who trust Him to govern a new Creation.

Mar. 15—*Parable of Lost Coin; Parable of Prodigal Son* (15:8-32)

Mar. 22—*Story of Zacchaeus* (19:1-10)

Mar. 29—*Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem* (19:41-44)

SUNDAY CLASS | 10:10-11:05 AM

Who Can Tell Me What I Am?: An Analysis of Identity in this Strange New World

Nathan Dorn & Michael McKeon | Fellowship Hall

This is a class about the self (and self identity) in Western Culture. Indeed, this course aims at responding to the question posed in the title, by focusing on the historical development of the ideas and related societal changes that led us to define personal identity apart from God, including the ways in which the church has been permissive to these ends. The backbone of the course will be *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman (elder in the OPC and professor at Grove City College). The course will conclude with consideration of the societal/personal consequences of postmodern self-creation and a Christian response. Some content will be explicit, but we encourage teenagers to attend. Books will be made available, for a small fee, for those who are interested.

Elementary Sunday Class | Elijah McNeill | Rooms 1 & 2 (2nd floor)

Class for our elementary age kids (kindergarten through 5th grade) resumes this week during the Sunday school hour in rooms 1 & 2 with Elijah McNeill.

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	6:30-8:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Narthex) Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
	7:30-9:00 PM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Alexa at Alexa@parkraodpres.org
Tuesday	6:30-8:30 PM	PRYouth
	6:30-8:30 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndom1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM-2:30 PM	S.A.L.T. Bingo & Potluck
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal for Good Friday Service
Thursday	9:15-11:00 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Grace at Grace@parkroadpres.org
	11:15- 12:15	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30-8:30 PM	ESL Classes

S.A.L.T. (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Bingo & Potluck Lunch | Wed. Mar. 18 11:30 AM

Join the Seniors as they celebrate St. Patrick's Day together. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped silly gift (something that you already own, but wouldn't mind parting with it). Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

Orchid:

If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2026 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

Officer Nomination Brochures are available at the Kiosk. Please pick up a brochure and prayerfully consider those men who could serve as Elders or Deacons. You can put your completed form in the offering box.

HAPPENINGS at PARK ROAD

Moms Connect | Sat., March 28 | 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.

Good Friday Service | April 3rd | 7:00pm | Childcare provided for kids 3 years and younger.

Easter Sunday Services — April 5th

-Services at **8:30am** & 11:15am -Childcare provided for kids 3 years and younger.

-Children's Church during the 11:15 service for children (5 years -5th grade)

Easter Brunch — April 5th

Brunch from **9:45am - 10:45am**

This is a potluck-style brunch. If able, bring the following items according to the first letter of your last name:

- A-E: Meats (bacon, sausage, ham, etc.)
- F-K: Fruits & Vegetables
- L-R: Egg Dishes (casseroles, scrambled eggs, hard-boiled eggs, etc)
- S-Z: Breads, Muffins, Pastries

Please arrive with your food no later than 9:35am, so we are able to put it out. We will stop serving brunch at 10:45 am in order to prepare for the second service. If you would like to **help set up or serve food**, please fill out the ***Keeping in Touch Form***.

Women's Ministry Retreat: "Made for More" | April 17-19th, Port St. Lucie

Join us for a refreshing and meaningful weekend away in Port St. Lucie, designed to encourage connection, rest, and spiritual growth. This year's retreat topic is titled "Made for More," where we will dive into Scripture to study more about God's intention in our creation.

Your \$200 registration includes two nights at a comfortable hotel, three meals, snacks, and all retreat materials. High school girls are warmly encouraged to attend! Babies under one year old are welcome; however, please note that childcare will not be provided.

Spots are limited, so be sure to register by April 3rd and send in payments by April 13th. We would love to see many women from our church family join us! If you have any questions, please contact alexa@parkroadpres.org.

