



March 8, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

– William Shakespeare, *Hamlet* (Act 1, Scene 5)

Cancer patients are lied to, not just because the disease is (or is thought to be) a death sentence, but because it is felt to be obscene - in the original meaning of that word: ill-omened, abominable, repugnant to the senses.

Theories that diseases are caused by mental states and can be cured by willpower are always an index of how much is not understood about the physical terrain of a disease.

– Susan Sontag, *Illness as Metaphor* (1978)

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said “Repent,” he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance.

– Martin Luther, *The 95 Theses* (Thesis #1); 1517

## The Prelude

## The Welcome and Announcements

## The Call to Worship: *Psalm 45.1-6* (NIV)

*My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king;  
my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.*

*You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace,  
since God has blessed you forever.*

*Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.*

*In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice;  
let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.*

*Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;  
let the nations fall beneath your feet.*

*Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.*

## (Prayer)

## The Opening Hymns of Praise

- 9:00 **“Come Thou Almighty King” (all 4 verses) #101**
- “Fairest Lord Jesus” (vv. 1-2,4) #170**
- 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!

## 11:15 “Revelation Song”

Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven’s mercy seat

**Holy, holy, holy**  
**Is the Lord God Almighty**  
**Who was and is and is to come**  
**With all creation I sing**  
**Praise to the King of kings**  
**You are my ev’rything**  
**And I will adore You**

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory  
And power be to You, the only wise King  
**(Chorus)**

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery  
**(Chorus)**

## The Prayers of God's People

### A Corporate Confession of Sin:

Reader: Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon You in faith; hear us as we come honestly confessing our sins, and imploring Your mercy and grace.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful motives of our hearts.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our arrogance and stubbornness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. We fail to believe and fail to love.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Have mercy upon us, our merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

### Assurance of Pardon: *The Prophet Isaiah 55.6-7*

*Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*

### Prayers of Gratitude and Request:

Lord, give me a heart to know You and the assurance that I belong to You. (Silence)

I pray for an area of my life that is a source of anxiety for me. (Silence)

I pray for a particular person: Lord, bless and help this person. (Silence)

We pray for our member, Jeni Carpenter, working in Belfast, Northern Ireland; Father, care for her, increase her financial support, bless *Grace and Hope Church*: (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.)*

## **The Declaration of Faith: *First Corinthians 1.26ff***

*Reader: For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.*

*Congregation: But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;*

*Reader: God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

*Congregation: He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*

*Reader: Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

## **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.**

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel  
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal

Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying  
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:  
"My yoke is easy, my burden is light"

**Come unto Jesus**  
**Come unto Jesus**  
**Lay down your burdens, He is enough**  
**Come unto Jesus, rest in His love**

Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners  
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure  
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore

**(Chorus)**

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking  
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss  
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross  
Life everlasting He offers to us

**(Chorus)**

## 11:15 "Speak"

Stockstill

I want to hear You louder than the noise  
I want to feel You closer than the air I breathe  
Deep within my soul, burning

**Speak to me, let my heart be awakened by the whispering of love  
Pull me close to Your heart;  
Let the silence now be filled with Your voice**

Found in surrender, my heart is fully Yours  
Caught in the moment, captivated by the unseen  
Your loving heart for me revealed  
**(Chorus)**

The words I hear You say, You've been speaking out  
for all of time, all of time  
**(Repeat x2)**

You're with me. You're for me.  
You have a plan for me, and I will never walk alone  
**(Repeat)**

**(Chorus)**

Filled with Your voice

## **The Scripture Reading: *The Good News According to Luke 13.1-20***

*Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate?" <sup>3</sup> "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?" <sup>5</sup> "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."*

*<sup>6</sup> And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. <sup>7</sup> "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; <sup>9</sup> and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'"*

*<sup>10</sup> And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness."<sup>13</sup> And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God. <sup>14</sup> But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day."<sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him?"<sup>16</sup> "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"<sup>17</sup> As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.*

*<sup>18</sup> So He was saying, "What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?"<sup>19</sup> "It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and*

*became a tree, and THE BIRDS OF THE AIR NESTED IN ITS BRANCHES."*<sup>20</sup> *And again He said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?"*<sup>21</sup> *"It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God!**

**The Sermon**

— T. J Campo

*The Bent, the Broken and the Kingdom*

## The Closing Hymn

9:00 **“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” (all 4 verses)**

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11:15 **“Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)**

-Sherman, Musso, Taylor

The Lord is my Shepherd; He goes before me;  
Defender behind me; I won't fear.  
I'm filled with anointing, my cup's overflowing,  
no weapon can harm me; I won't fear.

**Hallelujah! I am not alone.  
He's my comfort, always holds me close.**

He always guides me through mountains and valleys;  
His joy is refreshing, restores my soul.  
Mercy and goodness give me assurance  
That I'll see His glory face to face  
**(Chorus x2)**

**(3x)**  
Your Spirit lives within me  
So I will walk in Your peace  
Your Spirit lives within me  
My vict'ry, my vict'ry

Hallelujah! I am not alone.  
He's my Comfort, always holds me close.

## The Benediction and Amen

## The Postlude

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## SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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### **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)

### **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.

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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.

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday Classes
<b>Monday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30-8:30 PM	PRYouth
	6:30-8:30 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndom1@gmail.com
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal for Good Friday Service
<b>Thursday</b>	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
	7:00-8:30 PM	Young Adults Bible Study

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### **Young Adults Bible Study | | Thurs., Mar. 12 | 7:00-8:30 pm**

Young Adults (18-25) looking for community and direction, join us for a Bible study on Galatians. The study is led by Joseph Dehmer and it meets at his home located at 11960 Brim Way, Cooper City, 33026. Any questions contact Joseph at 954.558.5047.

### **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.

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## HAPPENINGS at PARK ROAD

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### **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](mailto:alexa@parkroadpres.org).

**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.

