

April 19, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

Did you ever see a robin weep
When leaves began to die?
Like me, he's lost the will to live
I'm so lonesome I could cry

—Hank Williams, “I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry” (recorded
August 30, 1949, at Herzog Studio in Cincinnati, Ohio)

Loneliness in “epidemic proportions” is producing a “loneliness literature” of sociological and medical findings about the effect of loneliness on individuals’ brains and bodies, and on communities... there is a growing consensus that loneliness — not obesity, cancer or heart disease — is the nation’s “number one health crisis.” “Persistent loneliness” reduces average longevity more than twice as much as does heavy drinking and more than three times as much as obesity, which often is a consequence of loneliness. Research demonstrates that loneliness is as physically dangerous as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and contributes to cognitive decline, including more rapid advance of Alzheimer’s disease.

George Will, “How Do we Americans Heal Our Epidemic of
Loneliness?” (Associated Press; October 14, 2018)

The Lord’s Supper is not just any meal; it is *the* meal, in which at a common table with one loaf and a common cup they proclaimed that through the death of Christ they were one body, the body of Christ; and therefore they are not just any group of sociologically diverse people who could keep those differences intact at this table. Here they must “discern/recognize as distinct” the one body of Christ, of which they are all parts and in which they all are gifts to one another. To fail to discern the body in this way, by abusing those of lesser sociological status, is to incur God’s judgment.

— Gordon Fee, *The First Epistle to the Corinthians (The New International Commentary on the New Testament, 1987, p. 564)*

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: **Revelation 5:1-10**

READER: *I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice,*

"Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?"

And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. 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,

ALL: *"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 “O God Beyond All Praising” (v. 1-2) #660

“Fairest Lord Jesus” (vv. 1-2,4) #170

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.**

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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 "Lead Me to the Cross"

Ligertwood

Savior I come, quiet my soul, remember
Redemption's hill, where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

**Lead me to the Cross where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me. Lead me to the Cross.**

You were as I tempted and tried, human
The Word became flesh, bore my sin in death, now You're risen.
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

Lead me to the Cross where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me. Lead me to Your heart.
To Your heart.

Lead me to Your heart. Lead me to Your heart
(Chorus)

Responding to God's Word In Prayer : Philippians 4.11-13

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Our Father, teach us to be content in all circumstance because we are secure in Christ; lead us into a happiness not dependent on outward situations: **(Silent Prayer)**

Lord, show us areas in our lives in which we are counting on some outward comfort for satisfaction rather than on Christ's work on our behalf: **(Silent Prayer)**

We pray for specific people who need to know Christ and Life in Him: **(Silent Prayer)**

For the lives and ministry of Fred and Sheila Reid in Japan; Father, provide for them and use them to lead people out of despair and darkness and into Your hope and light: **(Silence)**

And now we pray the way our Lord Jesus taught us 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

The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer false teachings that denied the biblical doctrine of the Holy Trinity and of the Person of Christ. ** Here “catholic” means international ** “baptism” is the inner cleansing and merging into Christ’s Body, the Church, applied by the Holy Spirit

9:00 Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ
Torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth

As we share in His suffering
We proclaim, "Christ will come again"
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins and remember

11:15 “In My Father’s Kingdom”

Ortega, Chadwick

This bread is My body, broken for you.

This cup is My blood of the cov’nant, pour’d out for you.

I will not drink of the fruit of this vine until I drink it anew with you

In My Father's Kingdom, in my Father's Kingdom.

(Repeat)

I will not drink of the fruit of this vine until I drink it anew with you

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In My Father's Kingdom, in my Father's Kingdom.

In My Father's Kingdom, in my Father's Kingdom.

This bread is My body, broken for you.

The Scripture Reading: *Paul's First Letter to Corinth 11.17-33*

But in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it. ¹⁹ For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you. ²⁰ Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, ²¹ for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God!**

The Sermon

— T. J. Campo

Eating Together

The Hymn of Preparation

9:00 “Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy” (vv. 1-2)

(Sung to the tune of “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor & Wretched”)

11:15 “We Will Feast in the House of Zion” (Chorus, v1, Chorus, v2, Chorus) McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

- 1.** We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood — upheld, protected, gathered up.
(Chorus)
- 2.** In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!
(Chorus)
- 3.** Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.
(Chorus)

We will feast, and weep no more.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers. (Gluten-Free bread is on the middle of the table.)

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Bread

The Wine

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy” (vv. 3-4)

(Sung to the tune of “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor & Wretched”)

11:15 “We Will Feast in the House of Zion” (Chorus, v3, Chorus, tag)

McCracken

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

NEW SERIES

The Great Cloud of Witnesses | What It Means to Live By Faith

In helping young first-century Christians from a Jewish background understand this “new and living way” the writer to the Hebrews has to help them see that it’s ALSO the old way practiced by all God’s people from the beginning of time. Our great heroes from the Hebrew Bible did not triumph by obedience but, “By faith...by faith...by faith” This famous chapter, Hebrews CH 11 gives us a key to interpreting the entire Old Testament and an essential key into the practice of true spirituality.

Apr 26 - By Faith: An Introduction – Hebrews 11.1-3

May 3 - Abel and the Better Sacrifice – Hebrews 11.4; Genesis 4.1-10

May 10 - Enoch, the Seeker – Hebrews 11.5-6; Genesis 5.18-24

APRIL COMING SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

All Church Sunday School | April 12,19,26 | Fellowship Hall

For the month of April, we will all be meeting together in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for hot coffee, delicious pastries, and great community. Tables will be equipped with sample ice-breakers to get us talking OR your table may decide to “freestyle” and just chat. This is a great opportunity to connect with new friends and families at Park Road. Get to know the people sitting by you each Sunday! Nursery care is available for children 3 and younger. We encourage your children to join you for our Combined Sunday Class.

Inquirer’s Class | Led by T. J. Campo | Begins Today!

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.

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
	10:10 AM	All Church Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
	10:10 AM	Inquirers Class (Library)
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	Men's In-person Bible Study (Narthex)
	7:30-9:00	Women's Book Study: <i>J-Curve</i> (Rec Room)
Tuesday	6:30-8:30 PM	PRYouth
	7:00-9:00 PM	Women's Online Titus Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	S.A.L.T. Movie: <i>Indescribable</i> (Library)
Thursday	9:15-11:00 AM	Women's In-person Titus Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 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
Saturday	8:00 AM-Noon	Church Workday
	9:30-11:30 AM	Moms Connect (Rec Room)

S.A.L.T. (Sr. Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch & Learn | Wed., April 22 | 11:30 AM

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather on Wednesday, April 22nd to watch Louie Giglio's *Indescribable* film. This is a mind-blowing video that combines science and theology, with amazing pictures of the cosmos and vivid displays of God's magnificent creations. Please bring your own snack or bag lunch. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

Church Work Day | Sat., April 25 | 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

We are spending the morning beautifying our campus by doing landscaping projects. Come out for all or just part of the morning to lend a hand.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

Moms Connect | Sat., April 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.

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sunday, April 26 | 1:00 pm

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on Sunday, April 26 at Chuy's located at 10610 Pines Blvd, Building P9, Pembroke Pines, 33026.

The Bible Recap | Wed., May 6 | 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.

S.A.L.T. (Sr. Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch & Learn | Wed., May 13 | 11:30 AM

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather on Wednesday, May 13th to continue discussion on how AI can be used as a tool for our benefit. Bring an appetizer or salad. Sandwiches and coffee will be provided.

HAPPENINGS at PARK ROAD

Vacation Bible School (VBS) | June 15-19 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Get ready for a week full of fun, faith, and friendship at this year's Vacation Bible School!

Children ages **4-11** are invited to **Illumination Station VBS** for the brightest week of the year!

While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is.

During VBS, kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals.

Expect **exciting games, creative crafts, energetic worship, and plenty of laughter**—all in a safe, welcoming environment led by our amazing team of volunteers.

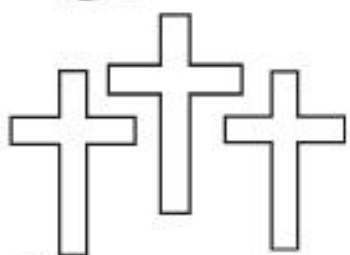
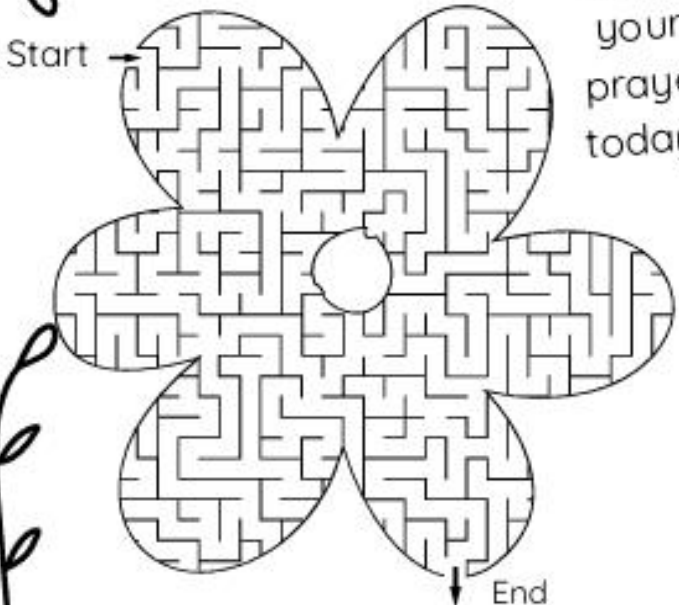
Register now and be a part of something unforgettable!

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.

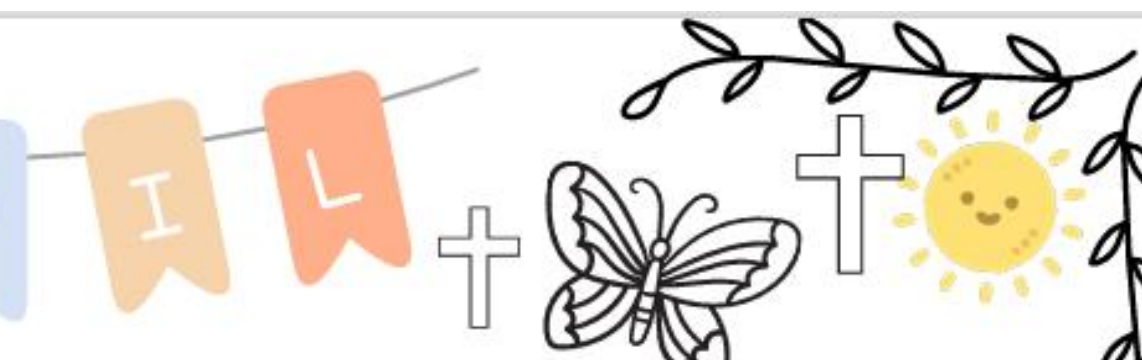


What is your prayer today?



The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come
~ Song of Songs 2:12a






Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

How many  can you find?

WORD SEARCH

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JESUS	GOD	FLOWERS
SPRING	LOVE	BLOOM
JOY	SHINE	LIGHT

