



May 24, 2026 — Pentecost Sunday

A Reflection Before the Service

At Pentecost the Babel that was destroyed was replaced by the revelation of the new *polis*, the city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God, Heb 11:10.

— Harry R. Boer, *Pentecost and Missions* (1973; p. 138)

Furthermore, God's promise is open-ended. He calls Abram merely to go "to the land that I will show you," without specifying where that land is. Thus the command, which includes the promise, is not something Abram can merely **do** to reap the promised benefits. Rather, God must be there every step of the way, and Abraham will never come to a place where he can practice "religion," or carry out commands, independently of God... the very vagueness of god's call ensures that Abram will not hope in some predictable destiny, a specific, tangible land of milk and honey, but only in the reliability of the promise and the goodness of the character of the God whom Abram has encountered.

— William McDavid, *Eden and Afterward* (2014; p 52)

There is a great out-turning of focus in the New Testament pages. Through the Old Testament, the reader senses that the focus has been continually narrowed. It begins with the broad canvas of creation and tells of the dealings of God with the whole race of mankind (Gen. 1-11); then narrows to the people of Israel, whom God had called to be the special servant of his purpose... At the center of the Bible drama, the focus has narrowed to one man: the Messiah, Christ. But from Christ, the focus again turns outward - first to the new Israel, which is his church and then, through that church, into the entire world. The church is called to take up the destiny of the true Israel, Servant Israel, and become the missionary people of the kingdom of God.

— John Bright, *The Kingdom of God* (1953; p. 232-3)

## **The Prelude**

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Call to Worship: Acts 2.1-13**

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.*

*Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? "And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."*

**(Prayer)**

## The Opening Hymns of Praise

**9:00 “For Your Gift of God the Spirit” (all 5 verses) #339**  
**(Sing to the tune of “Ode to Joy” Ladies v.2; Men v.3)**

**“Come Thou Fount” (all 3 verses) #457**

**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

**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.

## **A Confession of Sin : from *Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers***

Reader: O God of Grace, You have charged my sin to my Substitute, and have credited His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness.

But in my daily Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my tears of contrition are only more impurity; my confessions of wrong only stir up more sin; my receiving the Spirit is permeated with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed.

I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and yet by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for You justify only the ungodly.

I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, 'Father, forgive me', and You are always bringing out the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the Great White Throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun.

Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace.

**All: Lord, have mercy;  
Christ have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy. (Silent Confession)**

### **Declaration of Pardon and Grace for All Who Believe the Good News of Jesus:**

*And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you..." (John 20)*

### **Prayers of Gratitude and Request:**

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for forgiveness and peace with God: **(Silent Prayer)**

We pray for our neighbors and our city: **(Silent Prayer)**

We pray for those who need peace with God, peace with others, peace with themselves and healing in body and soul: **(Silent Prayer)**

We pray for leaders serving this church: **(Silent Prayer)**

## 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 “When All Thy Mercies, O My God”**

-arr. Ortega

When all thy mercies, O my God,  
my rising soul surveys,  
transported with the view, I'm lost  
in wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul  
Thy tender care bestowed,  
before my infant heart could know  
from whom those comforts flowed.

When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou,  
With health, renewed my face,  
And when in sins and sorrows bowed,  
Revived my soul with grace.

Through every period of my life  
thy goodness I'll pursue,  
and after death, in distant worlds,  
the glorious theme renew.

**11:15 “Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace”**

Murphy/Wells/Herbert

Come boldly to the throne of grace, ye wretched sinners come;  
And lay your load at Jesus’ feet, and plead what He has done.

“How can I come?” Some soul may say, I’m lame and cannot walk;  
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh, but dare not talk.”

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind, and lame;  
Jehovah is the sinner’s Friend, and ever was the same.

He makes the dead to hear his voice; He makes the blind to see;  
The sinner lost He came to save, and set the pris’ner free.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, for Jesus fills the throne;  
And those He kills He makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan

Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know the hell of sin within,  
Come boldly to the throne of grace; the Lord will take you in.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, ye wretched sinners come;  
And lay your load at Jesus’ feet, and plead what He has done.

He makes the dead to hear His voice; He makes the blind to see;  
The sinner lost He came to save, and set the pris’ner free.

## The Scripture Reading: *Genesis 12.1-8; Hebrews 11.8-10*

*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;"<sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;<sup>3</sup> And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."*

*So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.<sup>5</sup> Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.<sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land.<sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.<sup>8</sup> Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.*

*Heb. 11* *By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.<sup>9</sup> By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;<sup>10</sup> for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks Be to God!**

**The Sermon**

— T. J. Campo

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

*The Call of Abraham OR Enter the Woodsman*

## The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (vv. 1,2,4)

#345

11:15 “Mighty to Save”

Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,  
The Hope of nations.

**Savior, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation;  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.**

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures,  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in  
Now I surrender.

**(Chorus)**

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King  
**(Chorus-2x's)**

## The Benediction and Amen

## The Postlude

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## SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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### **SERMON S E R I E S**

#### **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.

May 24- Abraham, the Alien— Hebrews 11.8-10; Genesis 12.6-8; Acts 7.2-6

May 31- Sarah & Abraham: Believing Together— Hebrews 11.8-16; Genesis 17.17-19, 18.11-15, 21.1-2

June 7 Abraham and the Only Son—Hebrews 11.17-19; Genesis 22.1-14

### **SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM**

#### **Inquirer’s Class | Led by T. J. Campo | Library**

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.

#### **The Book of Acts: Kingdom Unstoppable | John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall**

The opening and closing verses of the Book of Acts speak of God’s Kingdom. The theme of this kingdom progress runs through the entire book. Come discover how the story of Acts is not only the story of the early church, but also our story as Christ’s kingdom continues to grow today.

#### **Fear Not: Quieting Fear and Anxiety with God’s Truth | Room 3-4**

Youth please join Sky McNeill and Meegan Dorn as they spend the next 2 months looking at how the Bible addresses fear and anxiety in our lives.

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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
	10:10 AM	Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
	10:10 AM	Inquirers Class (Library)
<b>Monday</b>	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)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30-8:30 PM	PRYouth
	7:00-9:00 PM	Women's Online Titus 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
	12:00 PM	Visitation @ PRPC
	1:00 PM	Memorial Service for Bob Moore @ PRPC
	2:00 PM	Repast @ PRPC
<b>Thursday</b>	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
	7:00-8:30 PM	YA (18-25) Bible Study

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### **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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## LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

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### **Young Adults Bible Study | Thurs., May 28 | 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.

### **SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | May 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 May 31<sup>st</sup> at Miller's Ale House located at 3215 Oakwood Blvd., Hollywood, 33020.

### **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!**

### **VBS Volunteer Meeting | Sun., May 31**

### **Immediately Following 2nd service (12:30-2:30 pm) | Fellowship Hall**

If you've signed up to serve at VBS this year, please make plans to attend this important meeting! We'll walk through the week's schedule and plans, review important policies and procedures, and connect you with your team — all while enjoying a delicious lunch together. Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions.

### **Graduates:**

If you know of a Park Road Pres. member who is graduating from high school, college, or university this month, please fill out the *Keeping in Touch* form. We would like to honor them on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

