

May 3, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

Above all was the sense of hearing acute. I heard all things in the heaven and in the earth. I heard many things in hell. How, then, am I mad? Hearken! and observe how healthily – how calmly I can tell you the whole story.

Edgar Allan Poe, *The Tell-Tale Heart* (1843)

The authorities are investigating a motive for the attack by the suspect, identified as Cole Tomas Allen. Those who know him described him as a "completely average guy."

— *New York Times*, Monday, April 27, 2026

But then somewhere between the lines of the story, so quietly and subtly we can hardly see it happen, Cain's anger pivots. He had hated God who was so hard to satisfy. But then, in his anger, Cain slowly swivels around till he has Abel in his sights.

— Cornelius Plantinga, *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin* (1995)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *Hebrews 12.18-24*

For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. For they could not bear the command,

"IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED."

And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said,

"I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus” (vv. 1, 3-4) #307

“Not All the Blood of Beasts” (vv. 1-2, 5) #242

(sung to the tune of Rise Up, O Men of God)

11:15 “Come Alive (Dry Bones)” -Daigle, Farren

Through the eyes of man, it seems there's so much we have lost
as we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked;
and one by one the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But we know that You are God, Yours is the victory.
We know there is more to come that we may not yet see.
So with the faith You've given us we step into the valley unafraid

**We call out to dry bones, “Come alive, come alive!”
We call out to dead hearts, “Come alive, come alive!”
Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise.
We call out to dry bones, “Come alive!”**

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love, rescue ev'ry daughter,
bring us back the wayward sons, and by Your Spirit breathe upon them;
show the world that You alone can save, You alone can save.

(Chorus)

So breathe, oh breath of God
Now breathe, oh breath of God
Breathe, oh breath of God, now breathe
(Repeat)

(Chorus)

We call out to dry bones, “Come alive!”

11:15 “Goodness of God”

-Ingram / Johnson / Cash / Fielding / Johnson

I love You, Lord oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

**All my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

I love Your voice You have lead me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God
(Chorus)

Your goodness is running after it's running after me
Your goodness is running after it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything
Your goodness is running after it's running after me
(Repeat)

(Chorus)

I will sing of the goodness of God

A Confession of Sin: A Responsive Prayer

Reader: Our Father, at all cost we avoid looking at our own sins and yet we eagerly study even the smallest flaws in others.

We are often deaf to the thunder of *Mount Sinai* and we are not enthralled at the healing stream flowing from *Mount Calvary*. Lord, open our ears to Your Law and to Your Gospel.

People: Help us face the truth about ourselves, that we are real sinners in need of a real Savior. Rescue us from our numbness. Save us from apathy and self-centeredness. By Your Holy Spirit renew us today.

Reader: Seeing the deep love Jesus Christ has for us, may we also become loving. We pray this for Your glory. Amen.

God's Assurance of Grace to All Who Believe the Gospel

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever (Isaiah 25.6-8 ESV)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Request

We ask Your help in our imaginations: allow us to live in the joyous anticipation of the everlasting Feast in Your presence: **(Silence)**

We lift up to You our concerns and anxieties, knowing that You care for us; Lord, hear our prayer: **(Silence)**

We pray for our neighbors and we pray for the well-being of our neighborhoods where You have planted us: **(Silence)**

For Ethan and Amanda Brown ministering on the campus of the University of Illinois, Lord, make all their relationships flourish in the home, work, church and neighborhood: **(Silence)**

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 “Beneath the Cross”

Getty, Lennox, arr. Forrest

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We will gladly live our lives.

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11:15 “Scandal of Grace”

Houston/Crocker

Grace, what have You done
Murdered for me on that cross
Accused in absence of wrong
My sin washed away in Your blood

Too much to make sense of it all
I know that Your love breaks my fall
The scandal of grace
You died in my place
So my soul will live

**Oh to be like You
To give all I have just to know You
Jesus, there’s no-one beside You
Forever the hope in my heart**

Death, where is your sting
Your power is as dead as my sin
The cross has taught me to live
And mercy my heart now to sing

The day and its troubles shall come
I know that Your strength is enough
The scandal of grace
You died in my place
So my soul will live

(Chorus)

And it’s all because of You, Jesus
It’s all because of You, Jesus
It’s all because of Your love
That my soul will live

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

The Scripture Reading: *Genesis 4.1-16; Hebrews 11.4*

Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD."² Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.³ So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.⁴ Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;⁵ but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"⁷ "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

⁸ Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"¹⁰ He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground."¹¹ "Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand."¹² "When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear!"¹⁴ "Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."¹⁵ So the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

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
Abel and the Better Sacrifice

The Hymn of Preparation

9:00 “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (vv. 1-2)

Words on screen

11:15 “How Can it Be” (v1, chorus, v2 chorus)

Ingram, Johnson, Mabury

1. I am guilty, ashamed of what I've done, what I've become.
These hands are dirty; I dare not lift them up to the Holy One.

You plead my cause, You right my wrongs,
You break my chains, You overcome,
You gave Your life to give me mine,
You say that I am free.
How can it be? (yeah) How can it be? (yeah)

2. I've been hiding, afraid I've let You down. Inside, I doubt
that You could love me, but in Your eyes there's only grace now.
(Chorus)

Bridge Though I fall, You can make me new.
From this death, I will rise with You.
Oh the grace reaching out for me!
How can it be?
How can it be?

You plead my cause, You right my wrongs,
You break my chains, You overcome,
You gave Your life to give me mine,
You say that I am free. (yeah)
(Chorus)

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 “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (vv. 3-4)

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11:15 “How Can it Be” (v1, chorus, bridge to end)

Ingram, Johnson, Mabury

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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 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

May 17 - Noah, the Promise-Taker — Hebrews 11.1-7; Genesis 6-11

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.

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	Sunday School Classes
	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
	7:00-8:15 pm	The Bible Recap (Dottie's Home)
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

Orchid:

The orchid is given today by Kim Hopkins in memory of her dad's birthday. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

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. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to attend.

Moms Connect | Sat., May 23 | 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 | 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 31st at Miller's Ale House located at 3215 Oakwood Blvd., Hollywood, 33020.

LOOKING AHEAD 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.

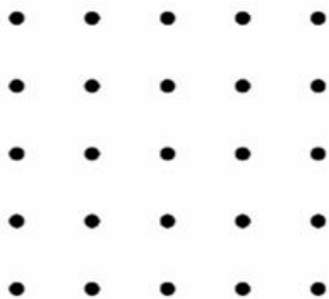
Expect **exciting games, creative crafts, energetic worship, and plenty of laughter**—all in a safe, welcoming environment led by our amazing team of volunteers.

Register now and be a part of something unforgettable!

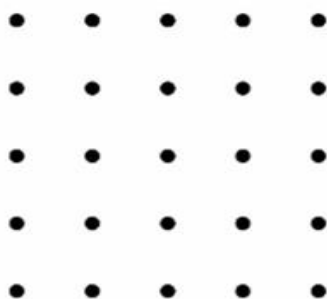
We are looking for a new **Women's Ministry Coordinator** – if you would like to nominate someone for this part-time paid position or apply yourself, please email the office, Ronaldo@parkroadpres.org and you will be sent the pertinent information on the search.

Dots & Boxes

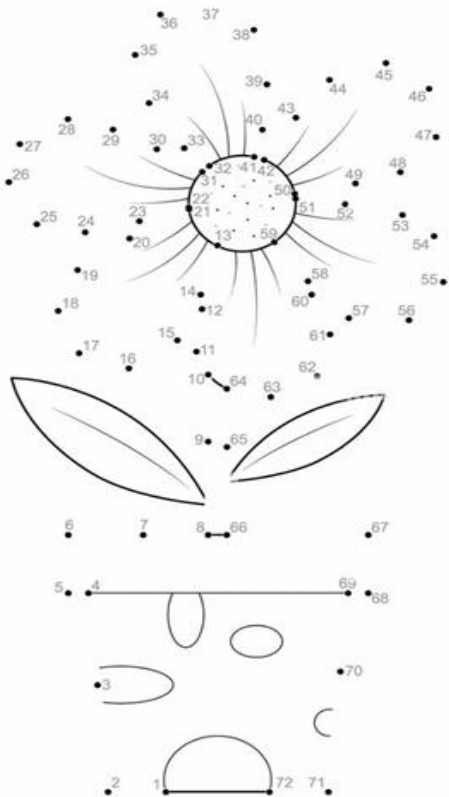
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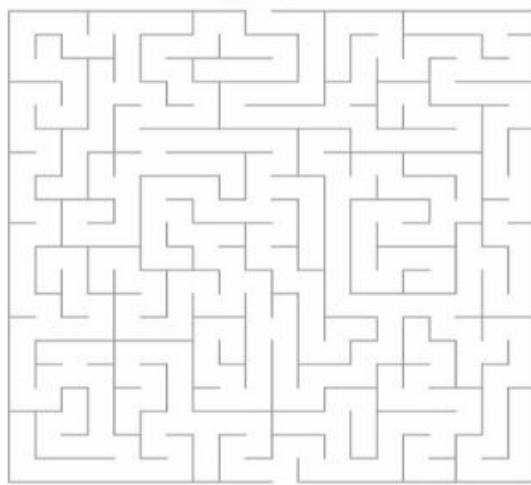
Game 2



Something I want to pray about



A song I liked today...



out this week...

