

May 31, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

It's not like I let people do things for me, so I guess you can call me a control freak, or you can call me passionate... I'm not a passive person by any stretch of the imagination.

— Courtney Cox, “A Revealing Sit-down with Courtney Cox” (USA Today, Ann Oldenburg, October 9, 2003)

Glinda: you ready now?

Dorothy: Say goodbye, Toto.... Yes, I'm ready now.

Glinda: Close your eyes.....and tap your heels together three times.....and think to yourself: "There's no place like home. There's no place like home." There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home.

— Frank Baum, ***The Wizard of Oz*** (1939; Screenwriters: Noel Langley, Florence Ryerson, Edgar Allan Woolf)

You broke the bonds
And you loosed the chains
Carried the cross
Of my shame
Oh my shame
You know I believe it

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for

— Paul Hewson, Adam Clayton, Larry Mullen, Dave Evans, "I Still Haven't Found What I'm looking For" from the 1987 **U2** album, ***The Joshua Tree***

When the symptoms of your illness frighten you or chemotherapy, makes you nauseous, pray and tell Him how you really feel. Admit that you are desperate. Acknowledge the truth if your *misplaced confidence* has been in yourself and not in Him. But shift your trust *from yourself to God*. He's a lot bigger than you are! When you are feeling well, it's easy to say, "I confidently believe that God will help me." But what you really mean is, "I can handle my own affairs with a bit of assist from God." So, give up presumptuous self-reliance. Discover the power of a living faith placed in a mighty God!

— C. John Miller, “Shift Your Trust from Yourself to God”
(A letter to a fellow cancer sufferer; June 1988) in
The Heart of a Servant-Leader, pp. 285-286)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: Psalm 147.12ff

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
For He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
He has blessed your sons within you.
He makes peace in your borders;
He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.
He sends forth His command to the earth;
His word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes.
He casts forth His ice as fragments;
Who can stand before His cold?
He sends forth His word and melts them;
He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.
He declares His words to Jacob,
His statutes and His ordinances to Israel.
He has not dealt thus with any nation;
And as for His ordinances, they have not known them.
Praise the LORD!

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 **“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vv. 1-2, 7)** #30

“The God of Abraham Praise” (vv. 1-3, 5-6) #34

11:15 **“Our Song from Age to Age”** Sczebel

Oh God of power, Living Word, the One who made the stars,
Who with Your glory filled the earth, from dust made beating hearts;
You loved us when we fell away, poured mercy on our souls,
and promised grace would come to save, to loose death's iron hold.

You are our song from age to age,
our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again.

Oh God of promises fulfilled, the God who took on flesh,
Who did all that the Father willed, was humbled unto death;
You bore our cross of sin and shame, endured our agony.
With gladness we now bear Your name and worship at Your feet.

**You are our song from age to age,
our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again.
You are our song from age to age.
We will proclaim Your power to save again and again.**

Oh God who surely guides our steps through tempests and through trials,
our Shepherd King, Your way is best, though tears now veil our eyes.
Your steadfast love our perfect hope, our eyes are fixed on grace.
We have no doubt You'll lead us home to finally see Your face.
(Chorus)

Oh God of all of history, enthroned in realms of light,
what eyes of faith have strained to see will one day fill our sight.
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns before the Savior's feet
And sing as all the heav'ns resound for all eternity.
(Chorus)

11:15 “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Myrin & Redman

**Bless the Lord O my soul.
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy Name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.
(Chorus)

I'll worship Your holy Name.
I'll worship Your holy Name.

A Corporate Confession of Our Sins (responsive prayer):

Reader: Holy Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before You. Grant us repentance for the sins of our tongues. . .

People: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Reader: Grant us repentance for the sins of our eyes. . .

People: For impurity in our glances and imaginations; for greed and for being discontent with what You have allotted to us.

Reader: Grant us repentance for the sins of our hearts. . .

People: For stubbornness toward You and a lack of compassion toward our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity, self-justification; above all for not believing Your gospel and not receiving Your gracious reign.

Reader: Merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, kill our envy, subdue our pride, purify our motives. Give us hearts that are satisfied in You. Give us grace to be *patient and kind; not envious or boastful; not arrogant or rude; not insisting on our own way; not irritable or resentful; not rejoicing at wrongdoing, but rejoicing with the truth.* *

(Silent Confession)

***1 Corinthians 13:4-6**

The Promise of Grace For All Who Trust in Jesus Christ: 1 Timothy 1.15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Prayers of Gratitude and Request:

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for Your great mission, fulfilled for us and for the glory of the Father: **(Silent Prayer)**

We pray for Peter Stafford, the Serge physician recovering from the Ebola virus; for the Stafford family and other courageous nationals and ex-pats who are helping patients; we ask for the full arrest of this disease's spread: **(Silent Prayer)**

We pray for Vacation Bible School, for teachers, leaders, helpers and students: **(Silent Prayer)**

We pray for people we know who are in great need: **(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 “Deep River/Shall We Gather at the River”

Lowry, arr. Larson

(2x)

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That Promised Land where all is peace? Oh,
(Chorus)

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Yes! We'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
Flowing by the throne of God.

Deep river, deep river that flows
By the throne of God.

11:15 “I Am Living in the Land of Death”

Elchelberger, Bolen

I am living in a land of death; the trees are burnt and gray
There's a smoldering smoke overhead and the night looks the same as the day

It seems a miracle that I can stand when everyone I've known
Drifts up in the air with the ash every time that the wind starts to blow

But I feel alive with a life that's not mine
Your law is a stream in this wasteland my lifeline

So much more than precious gold are Your promises my Lord
By them is Your servant warned and in keeping them great reward

Your directions is my delight; Your law secures my roots
I will mediate day and night and in season You'll harvest the fruit

Though, a poison should threaten to kill. I know my Savior reigns
And when the breezes of death leave a chill I've got Jesus' blood in my veins

So I feel alive with a life that's no mine
And I'm believing that that was Your intended design

The kingdoms of man have all decayed; the ruins of progress have turned to waste
The gods of greed lie in their graves, darkness is everywhere

But there's a path in the dark that has emerged; I can see a great light beyond this curse
A brilliant blaze that is Your Word, a beacon of hope that burns

And I focus my captivated gaze on the radiant light from Jesus' face
The water of life is all I crave only Your Word remains

So much more than precious gold is the beauty I behold
Give me the glorious reward of knowing You, my King, my Lord

The Scripture Reading: *Genesis 17, 18, 21 ; Hebrews 11.8-16*

(Gen. 17) Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before You!"¹⁹ But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

(Gen. 18) Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing.¹² Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"¹³ And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, when I am so old?'¹⁴ "Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."¹⁵ Sarah denied it however, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh."

(Gen. 21) Then the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had promised.² So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him...

(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.⁹ 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;¹⁰ for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.¹⁴ For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.¹⁵ And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out,

they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

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

Sarah and Abraham: Believing Together

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (all 3 verses)

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11:15 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

-Williams, 1745/ Casella

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv’rer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliv’rer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

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 31 Sarah & Abraham: Believing Together— Genesis 17:17-19, 18:11-15, 21:1-2 ;
Hebrews 11:8-16

June 7 Abraham and the Only Son—Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 22:1-14

June 14 Isaac, Jacob and the Underhanded Blessing— Hebrews 11:20-21; Genesis 27:27-
28; 48:5-22

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 (Fellowship Hall)
	10:10 AM	Inquirers Class (Library)
	12:30 PM	VBS Volunteer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 PM	SALT Lunch Bunch @ Miller's Ale House
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)
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 house)
Thursday	10:15 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Citizenship Classes
	7:00 PM	YA Bible Study (18-25 Y.O.) Dehmer's home

VBS Volunteer Meeting | Today 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 & plans, review important policies & procedures, & connect you with your team — all while enjoying a delicious lunch together.

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.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

The Bible Recap | Wed., June 3 | 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

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 at parkroadpres.org and be a part of something unforgettable!**

Youth Schedule for the Month of June

June 2, 9, 16 NO Youth Group on Tuesday Night

June 23 Youth Group Resumes

June 27 (Sat) 1-6 PM McGinnis Lake – tubing outing (no cost to the Youth)

Graduates:

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

Orchid: The orchids are given today by Jim & Bev Taylor and Willy & Mary Escobar. Both couples are celebrating their wedding anniversaries. 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.

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to Bobbye DelGado on the passing of her husband, David, on Sunday, May 24th. If you would like to send her a sympathy card, her address is 9201 West Broward Blvd., Apt. C-108, Plantation, 33324.

Congratulations to Facundo & Amanda Cáceres on the birth of their second son, Isaiah Daniel, on May 28th. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz and 19 inches long. Jorge & Elizabeth are overjoyed to welcome their 3rd grandchild. Amadeo is happy to be a big brother, at the moment, until Isaiah tries to take his truck!

