

July 12, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (1952)

I believe like a child that suffering will be healed and made up for, that all the humiliating absurdity of human contradictions will vanish like a pitiful mirage, like the despicable fabrication of the impotent and infinitely small Euclidean mind of man, that in the world's finale, at the moment of eternal harmony, something so precious will come to pass that it will suffice for all hearts, for the comforting of all resentments, for the atonement of all the crimes of humanity, for all the blood that they've shed; that it will make it not only possible to forgive but to justify all that has happened.

— Fyodor Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

Sewing Circle Lady 3 - Hazel: Well that's how life is, Lars.

Mrs. Gruner: Everything at once.

Sewing Circle Lady 2 - Sally: We brought casseroles.

Lars Lindstrom: Thank you.

Lars Lindstrom: [*Lars looks around the sewing circle. The three ladies are knitting and doing needlepoint*] Um, is there something I should be doing right now?

Mrs. Gruner: No, dear. You eat.

Sewing Circle Lady 2 - Sally: We came over to sit.

Sewing Circle Lady 3 - Hazel: That's what people do when tragedy strikes.

Sewing Circle Lady 2 - Sally: They come over, and sit.

— Nancy Oliver (writer), *Lars and the Real Girl*,
(2007 film directed by Craig Gillespie)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: Psalm 63.1-8

*O God, You are my God;
I shall seek You earnestly;
My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,
In a dry and weary land where there is no water.
Thus, I have seen You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.
Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips will praise You.
So I will bless You as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.*

*My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.*

*When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the night watches,
For You have been my help,
And in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to You;
Your right hand upholds me.*

(Prayer)

9:00 The Introit: "He Who Would Be Valiant"

Bunyan, Dearmer

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster.
Let him in constancy follow the Master
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim
Since Lord Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit
We know we at the end shall life inherit
Then fancies flee away I'll fear not what men say
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “All for Jesus” (all 5 verses)

#565

Women-v. 2 | Men-v. 3

“When I Survey” (all 4 verses)

#252

11:15 “Living Hope”

Wickman, Johnson

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your Name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your lovingkindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your Name
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
(Repeat)

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

(Chorus)

Oh God, You are my living hope!

11:15 "In Christ Alone/Solid Rock

-Getty/Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babel!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand
(Repeat)

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Scripture-Guided Prayer:

While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone. (Matthew 17.5-8)

Our Father in Heaven, we joyfully receive Your true testimony, pointing us to Your beloved Son: He has pleased You by His life, death and resurrection. He is worthy of all our attention and trust. **(Silence)**

Lord Jesus Christ, save us from our wanderings and our refusal to see only You alone as our confidence in the judgment; touch us and make our fear of judgment subside. **(Silence)**

Holy Spirit of God, give us eyes to see and hearts that rest in Jesus Himself alone. We pray for those who need spiritual sight that only You can give. **(Silence)**

We pray for Jeni Carpenter and her gospel work in Belfast, Northern Ireland; bless, help, provide for and glorify Yourself in her life: **(Silence)**

And now we pray as the Beloved Son invited 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 “Run the Race” (based on Hebrews 12:1-3)

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We are surrounded, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

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So let us throw off ev'rything that hinders us. Let us throw off the sin that weighs us down.

And let us run the race with endurance, Not growing tired or weary.

Let us hear our Savior saying, “Do not lose heart!” Let us run, let us run the race.

Jesus is our example, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

For the joy set before Him, He finished His race.

He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

So let us run the race with endurance, not growing tired or weary.

Let us hear our Savior saying, “Do not lose heart!” “Do not lose heart!”

So we run the race with endurance, Fixing our eyes on Jesus.

Until we see His face, we will run the race. Run the race! We will run the race.

11:15 “Good Plans”

Epsy, Miller

The Lord is my shepherd and He is everything I need
So I will not worry. I will not fear the enemy
He said that He loves me .He said that He’s with me
Even though I walk through the valley of shadow and death and still I know

He has good plans, He has good plans for me
So I will take heart
In deserts and gardens, He has good plans
He has good plans for me
If I know my Father, I know my Father has (good plans)

The Lord is my Savior so why should I doubt my victory
Why would I question the rod and the staff that comforts me
He quiets the waters. He quiets the storm inside of me
So what could be better than walking with Him when I believe

Surely Your goodness and mercy will follow after me
So fear will not find me ‘cause I’ll be dwelling in the house of God

Good plans. Good plans
If I know my Father I know my Father has good plans

The Scripture Reading: *Hebrews 12.1-13*

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.⁴ You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;⁵ and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;⁶ FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?⁸ But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.⁹ Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.¹² Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

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

My Besetting Sin

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “May the Mind of Christ My Savior” (vv. 1-5 from hymnal, v. 6 below) **#644**

6. May I run the race before me, strong & brave to face the foe;
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

11:15 “Graves Into Gardens”

Lake, Brown, Furtick, Hammer

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
A man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

**Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You**

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all and You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again
(Chorus)

You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory. You're the only One who can
You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways. You're the only One who can
(Repeat)

You're the only One who can

(Chorus)

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

JULY 19 and 26 SERMONS

For the next two weeks, Rev. Nate Taylor will be the guest preacher. Nate, the son of Dwight and Carol, is a missionary with MTW (Mission to the World). Nate and his wife, Erin, and their three children live in Glasgow, Scotland, and serve in partnership with the Free Church of Scotland. The Taylors are helping lead a new church plant called Crossbridge in Bearsden, an area in Northwest Glasgow, which is the largest city in Scotland. Crossbridge launched public worship services in April 2025.

July 19 The Family Story of God's Mission — Acts 8:26-40

July 26 The First Christians — Acts 11:19-3

Join Nate and his family on July 19th, during the Sunday School hour (in the Fellowship Hall), to learn how God is using them in Scotland to advance His kingdom.

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 Class (Fellowship Hall)
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 PM	Park Road Youth
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	SALT Fun and Games Party! (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30 –8:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Citizenship Classes
	7:00 PM	Young Adults (18-25) Bible Study (Dehmer's home)

S.A.L.T. Fun & Games | Wed., July 15 | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join the Senior Adults for a variety of table games—Texas Hold ‘em, backgammon, “Operation” “Clue” & others. Bring your favorite games to share & your own lunch/snack. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

Young Adults Bible Study | Thurs., July 16 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Young Adults (18-25) join us for a Bible study on Philippians. The study is led by Joseph Dehmer at his home located at 11960 Brim Way, Cooper City, 33026. Questions—contact Joseph at 954-558-5047.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

Senior Adults Volunteer Opportunity | Mon., July 20 | 11:00 PM

Volunteers needed to tidy our sanctuary--hymn books & Bibles upright, sharpen pencils, restock offering envelopes. If you would like to be a part of a team, sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

Potluck & Praise Night | Wed., July 22 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Join us for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and worship! BBQ chicken sandwiches will be provided, and we invite you to bring your favorite side dish to share. After we eat, we'll gather together for a special night of praise and worship. We hope you'll come hungry and ready to lift your voice in worship with us! Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to attend.

Young Adults Bible Study | Thurs., July 23 & 30 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Young Adults (18-25) join us for a Bible study on Philippians. The study is led by Joseph Dehmer at his home located at 11960 Brim Way, Cooper City, 33026. Questions—contact Joseph at 954-558-5047.

Moms Connect | Sat., July 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 child-care is provided.

S.A.L.T. (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sun., July 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 July 26 at Applebee's located at 10135 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, 33026.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD to AUGUST at PARK ROAD

S.A.L.T. & Children's Ministry Get-Together | Wed., Aug. 5 | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for **Bingo** and lots of **prizes** on Wednesday, August 5th. We'll enjoy hot dogs, chips, watermelon and more! Everyone is welcomed!

Lifeline Screening | Mon., Aug. 10 | Fellowship Hall

Lifeline Screening offers a 4-screening package (Carotid Artery, Peripheral Artery, Atrial Fibrillation, & Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm) at a special price of \$129. To book your appointment or get more info, visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC

The Bible OT Recap | Wed., Aug. 12 | 7:00-8:15 PM | Dottie's home

This month, The Bible Recap-OT will meet on the second Wednesday of the month. 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.

Young Adults Bible Study | Thurs., Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:00-8:30 PM

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Church Work Day | Sat., Aug. 29 | 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.

