

August 16, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

I agree with the pragmatists that apparent objective truth is not the whole matter; that there is an authoritative need to believe the things that are necessary to the human mind. But I say that one of those necessities precisely is a belief in objective truth. The pragmatist tells a man to think what he must think and never mind the Absolute. But precisely one of the things that he must think is the Absolute. This philosophy, indeed, is a kind of verbal paradox. **Pragmatism is a matter of human needs; and one of the first of human needs is to be something more than a pragmatist.**

— G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy* (1908; emphasis added)

Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.

— Pablo Picasso (unattributed)

Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

— C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain* (1940, Ch 6)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: Psalm 118.22-29

*The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief corner stone.
This is the LORD's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
O LORD, do save, we beseech You;
O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.
The LORD is God, and He has given us light;
Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
Thou art my God, and I give thanks to You;
Thou art my God, I extol You.
Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.*

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “Rejoice! The Lord is King” (v. 1-3, 5)

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“The Church’s One Foundation” (vv. 1-2, 5-6)

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11:15 “What A Beautiful Name”

Fielding, Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High;
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is. What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is; nothing compares to this,
what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful Name it is. Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival. You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is. What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful Name it is; nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You have no rival. You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names.

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Holy! Holy are You, Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. You are holy!

Holy are You, Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!
Amen.

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.

The Confession of Sin:

Reader: Gracious God, we confess that we dishonor You in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we stumble. Glorifying in our own righteousness, we reject You. Turning our faces from You, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us.

All: Our Father, give us a true sense of our sin; give us a proper grief and hatred of our sin; grant us a vision of Your mercy in Jesus Christ; cleanse the darkness from our lives, and turn our hearts back towards You. Renew in us that obedience that comes by faith. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Promise of Pardon and New Grace In Christ for All Who Believe:

"I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." (Isaiah 44.22)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Request:

Holy Spirit, help us to believe that You have indeed forgiven us and have erased our record of guilt in Jesus Christ: **(Silence)**

We pray for the nation of Colombia in the wake of the recent earthquakes; Lord, show Your mercy, mobilize Your Church, guide the authorities and rescuers and comfort those who mourn: **(Silence)**

We pray for teachers and for students returning to school and for all the children of this church: **(Silence)**

Father, we pray for Craig and Heather Gahagen and their work in Peru; Lord, bless them as the fly helpers and others in and out of the jungle: **(Silence)**

The Declaration of Faith and Offering

(We use the Declaration of Faith and Offering to “preach to ourselves” the reason for our hope. The Christian’s confidence is in God’s truth and in God’s care. Because Park Road is a church for both convinced Christians and for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we invite you to use this time and the musical reflection to think, pray, offer and consider what God is doing in your life.)

The Apostles’ Creed:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick * and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic church,**

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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.

*Although not written by the apostles, the *Apostles’ Creed* is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. *i.e. “living” *** ‘Catholic’ means international unlike the Old Testament Church which was a single nation.

9:00 “Sometimes a Light Surprises”

Cowper, arr. Courtney

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
it is the Lord Who rises with healing in His wings;
when comforts are declining, He grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation, we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new.
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
“Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.”

"It can bring with it nothing, but He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing will clothe His people, too.
Beneath the spreading heavens, no creature but is fed;
and He Who feeds the ravens will give His children bread."

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wanted fruit should bear,
though all the field should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there,
yet God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice;
for while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.
I cannot but rejoice.

11:15 “How Great is Our God”

Tomlin, Reeves, Cash

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

**How great is our God! Sing with me
How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God**

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead Three in One; Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

(Chorus)

Name above all names
You are Worthy of all praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

The Scripture Reading: *Haggai* 1.12-2.9

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people showed reverence for the LORD. ¹³ Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke by the commission of the LORD to the people saying, "'I am with you,' declares the LORD."¹⁴ So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king.

(Hag. 2) On the twenty-first of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet saying, ² "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people saying, ³ 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison?' ⁴ 'But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the LORD of hosts. ⁵ 'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear!' ⁶ "For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. ⁷ 'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts. ⁹ 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

AfterExile | *The Beautiful Letdown*

Disappointment and Destiny

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “To God Be the Glory” (all 3 verses)

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11:15 “O Come to the Altar/Wait on the Lord”

Furtick, Brown, Joye.Brock

Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

**O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy; from the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling
(CHORUS)

Oh what a Savior, isn't He wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

Wait on the Lord, wait on the Lord
He will renew your strength
So wait, I say
(Repeat 2xs)

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

SERMON SERIES

After Exile: this sort of neglected period of Biblical history records a sort of reunion of the Israelite Tribes and the sort of restoration of former greatness they sort of enjoyed and sort of endured. The Anticlimactic Restoration. We can all relate as we have all had moments when we asked, “Is **THIS** it?” And yet, if we embrace the Kingdom of God, these “redemptive disappointments” increase our joyful anticipation of the Full Restoration of all things!

Aug 16 - Disappointment and Destiny - Haggai 1.12 - 2.9

Aug 23 - Got Juice? - Zechariah 4

AUGUST SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

The Gospel-Centered Life | T. J. Campo | Starts Aug. 9 | Library

The Gospel-Centered Life is intended to help Christians understand how the gospel shapes every aspect of life and conduct. Colossians 1.6 says that “the gospel is continually bearing fruit and increasing” in and among us even after we first believe it. How does this happen? Why is a continual re-discovery and re-application of the gospel so important? How will our personal growth and mission life be stunted if we don’t grasp the gospel deeply? These are the questions that *The Gospel Centered Life* seeks to answer. Discussion topics include: *Pretending & Performing*, *Believing the Gospel*, *Law & Gospel*, *Repentance*, *Heart-Idolatry*, *Conflict* and *Forgiveness*.

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth | John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall

How can I read the Bible and understand it for myself? What about those difficult passages? Together we’ll learn practical tools for interpreting Scripture in its historical and literary context, discover how different genres should be read, avoid common mistakes in interpretation, and see how every passage points us to Christ.

Youth Sunday Class Coming Soon

The Youth Sunday Class will begin later this month. Until then, Youth are encouraged to attend one of the other classes being offered.

Elementary Sunday School (Grades K-5) | Rooms #1 & 2 (2nd floor)

Join Elijah McNeill as she teaches through the book of Genesis this month.

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 Class (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	Men's In-person Bible Study (Narthex)
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
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	7:00 PM	Young Adults Bible Study (Dehmer's home)
Saturday	9:30 AM	Moms Connect (Rec Room)

Moms Connect | Sat., Aug. 22 | 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.

Partners in Prayer: School Edition

As a new school year begins, we want to surround our students with encouragement, support, and—most importantly—**prayer**. Today in the Narthex, you'll find a table with cards, each with the name of one of our children or youth heading back to school. We're inviting YOU—our church family—to pick up a card and commit to **praying for that student** throughout the school year.

We also encourage you to get to know your student:

- Ask how their school year is going
- Learn what activities or challenges they're facing
- Send an occasional encouraging note or card

Youth Pool Party | Tues., Aug. 25 | 6:30-8:15 PM

The "Yutes" are invited to a pool party at the Campo's home located at 3418 Pierce Street. Bring your suits and towels!

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

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.

This is a simple way to say to our student: *"We love you and want to walk this journey with you."*

Women Connect: Fall Kickoff Brunch | Sat., Aug. 29 | 11:00 AM—1:00 PM

You're invited to Women Connect: Fall Kickoff Brunch on Saturday, August 29th to learn of the plans for the remainder of 2026. Come meet Nancy Adams, Women's Ministry Director, and her vision for the ministry. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Childcare will be provided. *"Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, & your foundations I will lay with sapphires. Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, and your gates of crystal, and your entire wall of precious stones."* -Isa. 54:11-12

Women Connect: Bible Study Begins the Week of September 13th

Join us Monday evening in-person at 7:30 PM, or Tuesday evening online at 7:00 PM, or Thursday morning in-person at 9:15 AM for women's Bible study. All 3 studies will be taking 10-weeks to look at Jen Wilkin's *Joshua* study. Childcare is provided for both in-person studies. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you would like to be a part of the study. Study books will be available the beginning of September. Suggested donation is \$20.

Sing With the Christmas Concert Choir!

Love Christmas music? Come sing with us! You don't need a solo voice & there are absolutely no auditions.

The Details

- Rehearsals: Wednesdays starting Sept 2nd, 7:30–8:15 PM
- Concert Date: Friday, Dec 5th at 7:00 PM

Perks: We'll be backed by a live string quartet, & you get audio tracks to help you practice!

Why do it?

In addition to the spiritual benefits, group singing lowers stress, boosts your mood, & is great for your brain.

Ready to join?

Sign up using the ***Keeping In Touch*** form in your Sunday bulletin. Call or text Dwight at (305) 318-3418.

Save the Date: Men's Retreat Scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 8—Sat., Oct. 10 in Naples, FL

Orchid:

The orchid is given today by Joanne St. Thomas in celebration of her mom's (Cathy Robbins) 94th birthday and her Aunt Mary Jo'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.

