

August 23, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

When a man is driven to acts of obedience by the dread of God's wrath revealed in the law, and not drawn to them, by the belief in His love revealed in the gospel; when he fears God because of His power and justice, and not because of His goodness; when he regards God more as an avenging Judge, than as a compassionate Friend and Father; and when he contemplates God rather as terrible in majesty than as infinite in grace and mercy, he shows that he is under the dominion, or at least under the prevalence of a legal spirit... He shows that he is under the influence of this hateful temper...when his hope of divine mercy is raised by the liveliness of his frame in duties, and not by discoveries of the freeness and riches of redeeming grace, not as the gift of God through Jesus Christ, but as a recompense from God for his own obedience and suffering, he plainly shows, that he is under the power of a legal spirit.

– John Colquhoun, *Treatise on the Law and Gospel* (1859)

There is only one genuine cure for legalism. It is the same medicine the gospel prescribes for antinomianism: understanding and tasting union with Jesus Christ himself. This leads to a new love for and obedience to the law of God, which he now mediates to us in the gospel... Christ has ascended into the heavenly mount, but in contrast Moses, He has sent down the spirit who rewrites the law, not now merely on tablets of stone, but in our hearts. There is a recalibration to Eden, albeit in the heart of a person formerly enslaved to sin, bearing its marks, and living in a world still under the dominion of sin. Now the empowerment is within, through the indwelling of Christ, the obedient One, the Law Keeper, by the Spirit. This is what now provides both motivation and empowerment in the Christian.

– Sinclair B. Ferguson, *The Whole Christ: Legalism, Antinomianism and Gospel Assurance – Why the Marrow Controversy Still Matters* (2016)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8.12-17*

*So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh -- for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if **by the Spirit** you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out,*

"Abba! Father!"

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “Come Thou Almighty King” (all 4 verses) #101

“Lead On, O King Eternal” (all 3 verses) #580

11:15 “Come Thou Fount” Robinson

Come, Thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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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

A Prayer of Confession in Response to *Jeremiah Ch. 9 (23-24)*

Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

Reader: Merciful, Almighty King, have pity on us.

People: We have seen the King of Glory humble Himself and yet *we* have remained proud. We have seen the Lamb of God obey Your holy law and yet *we* have disobeyed Your commandments.

Reader: The Savior has *exercised lovingkindness toward us*, and yet *we* have been loveless, unforgiving, and apathetic. Help us to boast again in Jesus, the Humble King.

All: Holy Spirit, empower us to bring our brokenness and badness to the Cross. Give us to see the delightful Son and become like Him. Amen.

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession)

God's Promise For All Who Trust Jesus Christ:

For thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." (Isaiah 57.17)

Prayers of Gratitude and Request:

Thank God for His grace and favor toward you:

Ask God to bless and help teachers and students returning to school:

Ask God to meet your needs and the needs of others:

Pray for Fred and Sheila Reid in Tokyo and their joy in spreading the Good News:

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.

Heaven crowned Him Christ the King
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Lift Him high! Let praises fly
As we worship Christ the King.

He is Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness,
The Firstborn of the dead,
The Prince, the Ruler of the kings of all the earth.
He is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.
Before His throne we'll shout, "Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!"

(Chorus)

It is Christ Whom God has exalted
With a Name above all names,
That at the Name of Jesus ev'ry knee should bow.
So let us bow before Him
Ev'rywhere in heaven and earth,
Let ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus,
Jesus, that Jesus Christ is Lord

(Chorus)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name
All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name
And crown Him, crown Him Christ the King.

11:15 “Awesome God/God Only Knows”

Mullins/Smallbone, Kerr, Reynolds, Tjornhom

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love our God is an awesome God
(Repeat 2xs)

Wide awake while the world is sound asleep and
Too afraid of what might show up while you're dreamin'
Nobody, nobody, nobody sees you. Nobody, nobody, nobody would believe you
Every day you try to pick up all the pieces
All the memories, they somehow never leave you
Nobody, nobody, nobody sees you. Nobody, nobody, nobody would believe you

**God only knows what you've been through
God only knows what they say about you
God only knows how it's killing you
But there's a kind of love that God only knows**

**God only knows what you've been through
God only knows what they say about you
God only knows the real you
There's a kind of love that God only knows**

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love our God is an awesome...

You keep a cover over every single secret
So afraid if someone saw them, they would leave
But somebody, somebody, somebody sees you.
Somebody, somebody will never leave you
(Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love our God is an awesome God
(Repeat)

The Scripture Reading: Zechariah Ch. 4

Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep. ² He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;³ also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."⁴ Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, my lord?"⁵ So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."⁶ Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. ⁷ 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"⁸ Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹ "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you."¹⁰ "For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel- these are the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth."

¹¹ Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?" ¹² And I answered the second time and said to him, "What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?"¹³ So he answered me, saying, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."¹⁴ Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

AfterExile | *The Beautiful Letdown*

Got Juice?

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “For Your Gift of God the Spirit” (All 5 verses; women v 2, men v 3) #339

11:15 “Your Spirit”

David, Helser

Not by might, not by power,
by Your Spirit, God; send Your Spirit, God.
(Repeat)

You are the fire, we are the temple; You are the voice, we are Your song;
You are our God, we are Your people; You are the light, we stand in awe.

We stand in awe of You. We stand in awe of You.
(Chorus)

You called us out, out of the darkness into Your love, into Your light;
Grace upon grace, beauty for ashes, You come to us, we come alive.

We stand in awe of You. We stand in awe of You
(Chorus)

Breathe, come and breathe on us. Spirit, breathe, Spirit, breathe on us.
(Repeat)

We stand in awe of You. We stand in awe of You.
(Chorus)

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 23— *Got Juice?* - Zechariah 4

Aug 30— *The Branch* - Zechariah 6.9-15

Sept. 6— *Catharsis in the City*—Zechariah 12.10-13.9

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

The Gospel-Centered Life | T. J. Campo | 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-Pool Party @ Campo's home
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	8:00 AM	Work Day
	11:00 AM	Women's Ministry Kick-off

Partners in Prayer: School Edition

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

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!

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.

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

You're invited to Women Connect: Fall Kickoff Brunch on Sat., Aug. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

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. Rehearsals: Wednesdays starting Sept 2nd, 7:30–8:15 PM | Concert Date: Friday, Dec 4th at 7:00 PM
Sign up using the ***Keeping In Touch*** form in your Sunday bulletin. Call or text Dwight at (305) 318-3418.

ESL Volunteer Meeting | Thurs., Sept. 3 | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

As the new school year begins, ESL will hold a volunteer meeting Thurs., Sept 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We especially invite folks who are interested in learning more about this ministry.

ESL's goal is to teach our students English. We also hope to build friendships with them and to share the gospel in word and action. To volunteer all you need is the ability to speak English and a heart to serve. We have a wide variety of ways to participate.

Right now, we have a special need for an ESL Technology Helper to assist us occasionally with audio/visual setup, movies, music, PowerPoint presentations, and organizing a shared online collection of ESL photos.

We warmly invite you to come. To attend, sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form or just come!

S.A.L.T. Art Workshop | Wed., Sept. 9 | 1-3 PM

Join us for an introduction to Impressionism and the work of Paul Cézanne, followed by an EASY, step-by-step painting lesson! No prior art experience is necessary—just come ready to have fun and get creative. The supply fee is \$5 per person, and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP using the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

Women Connect: Bible Study Begins the Week of Sept. 13th

Join us Mon. in-person at 7:30 PM, or Tues. online at 7:00 PM, or Thurs. 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.

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

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.

