

August 30, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

DP: You'll find me and my opinions in a lot of my songs. But most of it is based on love, acceptance and lifting people up. I ask God every day to let me be a blessing to mankind and to uphold Him, to glorify Him and that's how I go about my day.

Interviewer: No political rallies for you, then?

DP: No political rallies for me. My joke is: my daddy was a Republican, my mama was a Democrat, and I'm a "Hypo-crat"!

— **Dolly Parton** in a local news interview

Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do.

It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely **because their minds were occupied with Heaven**. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither...

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Q 24 How does Christ execute the office of a prophet? **A.** Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation?

Q 25 How does Christ execute the office of a priest? **A.** Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Q 26 How does Christ execute the office of a king? **A.** Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, (1647)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *Jeremiah 31.10-14*

*Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
And declare in the coastlands afar off,
And say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him
And keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
And redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he.
They will come and shout for joy on the height of Zion,
And they will be radiant over the bounty of the LORD --
Over the grain and the new wine and the oil,
And over the young of the flock and the herd;
And their life will be like a watered garden,
And they will never languish again.
Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance,
And the young men and the old, together,
For I will turn their mourning into joy
And will comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow.
I will fill the soul of the priests with abundance,
And My people will be satisfied with My goodness," declares the LORD.*

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “Join All the Glorious Names” (vv. 1-3, 5) #301

“Jesus Shall Reign” (vv. 1, 3-5) #441

11:15 “Shout to the Lord” Zscheck

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your Name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You; forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

(Repeat from beginning)

11:15 “Great Are You, Lord”

Leonard, Ingram, Jordan

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.
(repeat)

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You Lord.
(repeat x2)

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

The Confession of Sin (together aloud):

Gracious God,
Our sins are too heavy to shoulder,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
We confess what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer carry,
and what has become for us a unbearable fire of guilt and shame.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
Open to us a future in which we **can** be changed;
Grant us grace to grow more and more into
the likeness and image of our older Brother;
We pray this in His Name, in the Name
of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

The Pronouncement of Peace for All Who Boast In Christ:

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3.17)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Request:

Thank You, Father, for loving us as You do, for carrying us, forgiving us and for the joy You have in Your blood-bought people: (Silence)

We pray for areas of the world where there is suffering and great need: (Silence)

We pray for areas of our own lives that seem stubbornly deaf to the singing and gladness of God in Christ and in us: (Silence)

We pray for a specific person You have placed in our lives who is not yet believing the Good News of God: (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 “Calmer of My Troubled Heart”

Smith, Wells

Calmer of the troubled heart,
Bid my unbelief depart;
Speak, and all my sorrows cease,
Speak, and all my soul is peace:

Halleluia! Halleluia!

Comfort me, whene’er I mourn,
With the hope of Thy return
And ‘til I Thy glory see,
Help me believe in Thee.

Halleluia! Halleluia!

Let me rest in Your embrace,
And hear the whispers of grace.
Father show Your love to me
As I abide in Thee.

Halleluia! Halleluia!

Let praises rise from the inside, from the inside of me.
May You delight in the inside, in the inside of me.
Come fill my life from the inside, from the inside of me.
Set me on fire from the inside, from the inside of me,

‘cause all I want is for You, for You to be glorified, for You to be lifted high.
All I want is for You, for You to be glorified, for You to be lifted high,
(Chorus)

‘cause all I want is for You, for You to be glorified, for You to be lifted high.
All I want is for You, for You to be glorified, for You to be lifted high.

Fill my life till all they see is You, Lord. Glorify Your Name.
Fill my heart till all they see is You Lord. Glorify Your Name.
(Repeat)

Let praises rise from the inside, from the inside of me.

The Scripture Reading: Zechariah Ch. 6.9-15

The word of the LORD also came to me, saying,¹⁰ "Take an offering from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah; and you go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have arrived from Babylon."¹¹ "Take silver and gold, make an ornate crown and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.¹² "Then say to him, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD.¹³ "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices."¹⁴ "Now the crown will become a reminder in the temple of the LORD to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

¹⁵ *"Those who are far off will come and build the temple of the LORD." Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And it will take place if you completely obey the LORD your God.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

AfterExile | *The Beautiful Letdown*

The Branch

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vv. 1-2, + verse below)

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Crown Him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

11:15 “How Can It Be”

Ingram, Johnson, Mabury

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)

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)

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 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 30—*The Branch* – Zechariah 6.9-15

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

Sept. 13—*A Hard Rain*—Zechariah 10:9-17

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)
	1-3 PM	S.A.L.T. Lunch Bunch @ Outback Steakhouse
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
	7:00-8:15 PM	The Bible Recap- (Dottie's home)
	7:30-8:30 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30-8:30 PM	ESL Volunteer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM	Young Adults Bible Study (Dehmer's home)

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | 1:00 pm

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them today at Outback Steakhouse located at 1760 Stirling Road, Dania Beach, 33004.

The Bible Recap | Wed., Sept. 2 | 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.

Sing With the Christmas Concert Choir | Rehearsal Begin This Week!!

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.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

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 a Technology/AV volunteer to assist us occasionally with audio/visual setup, movies, music, PowerPoint presentations, and organizing a shared online collection of ESL photos.

On Sept 10th thru Oct 8th we could also use the help of Spanish speakers to help register new students and explain the program to them.

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.

