

September 6, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

catharsis

noun /kəˈθɑr sis/

A release of emotional tension after an overwhelming vicarious experience, resulting in the purging or purification of the emotions, as through watching a dramatic production (especially a tragedy). Coined in this sense by Aristotle.

– *Cambridge Dictionary*

Meditate on this and internalize it: the heart of sin – all kinds of sin – is willful independence. We want to do life on our own terms, to be in charge, to stand on our own two feet. We don't want to be a burden on anyone. The chorus we often repeat is, "I've got it. I'm good." But then some struggle just brings us to our knees, and we are totally unable to handle it with our own resources. God often uses exactly this sort of thing to break us more deeply of our intractable desire for independence. We begin to realize... *I'm worse than I think. I don't just need a little help; I need a big Savior whose grace is big enough for big sinners.*

– Marc Davis, ***Is God Disappointed With Me?*** (New Growth Press booklet; 2025 p. 17)

But what is true of the first turning (conversion) of the sinner to the Lord must continue throughout the Christian life. There must be a daily conversion of the heart to God (Col. 2:6). And the more you deepen your repentance, the more room you have in your heart for the rivers of living water. The more you know that you are stained to the bone with selfish impulses, the more you see how you hold out against the will of the Lord, then the more you will go to Christ as a thirsty center, who finds deeper cleansing, more life, and greater joy through the spirit.

– C. John Miller, ***Repentance*** (CLC Publications, 2009 p. 47)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* 4.8-11

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

*"Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD God, the Almighty,
who was and who is and who is to come."*

And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

*"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God,
to receive glory and honor and power;
for You created all things,
and because of Your will they existed, and were created."*

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “How Firm a Foundation” (vv. 1-2, 4, 6)

#94

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (all 3 verses)

#247

11:15 “Throne Room Song”

Angeles, Kennedy, Musso

Jesus is in this room, here right now, here right now

Making this place I stand holy ground, holy ground

Your Spirit moves and breathes all around, all around

All good and perfect things flowing down, flowing down

If all of the heavens are singing along

With the saints and the elders in glorious song

And the praises they sing never seem to get old

Then I'll stay here forever singing

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

God Almighty over all

You were, You are, and You'll be forever

The King enthroned in glorious splendor

Holy, holy Lord

Gentle love calling me closer still, closer still

Jesus You're guiding me to Your will, to Your will

(Chorus)

The veil is torn and the doors fling wide

I see glory as I run inside Your throne room, before You I bow

(Repeat 2x)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God Almighty, over all

You were, You are, and You'll be forever

The King, enthroned, in glorious splendor

Holy, holy Lord

(Repeat)

11:15 “Your Name and Your Renown”

Barrow, Diggerness

Men: Yes, Lord, walking in the way of Your love (**Women echo**)
(Repeat)

We wait for You, Yes, we wait for You

And Your Name and Your renown are the desire of our hearts
And the earth it will resound with Your glory
And Your Name and Your renown are the desire of our souls
And Your gospel will go forth ‘til the nations know
The glory of Your Son

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The Confession of Sin: from *Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

Reader: O God of Grace, Thou has accounted my sin to my Substitute, and hast accounted His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is permeated with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins; no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for Thou dost always justify the ungodly; I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and Thou art always bringing forth the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great white throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace.

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(Silent, Personal Confession)

The Gospel Declares the Believer Forgiven: *Matthew 5.1-4*

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

And now together we pray as the Lord gave 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

A Catechism on Law and Grace:

Q: What does God require of me that I might live with Him forever?

A: *If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.*¹

Q: What do God's holy commandments say about me and all Adam's children?

A: *There is none righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*²

Q: What do I and all lawbreakers deserve for our sin?

A: *Cursed is he who does not confirm all the words of this law by doing them...for the wages of sin is death.*³

Q: Is there no one worthy who can obey God's Law on my behalf and bear the curse for our sinful race?

A: *When the fulness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law...Worthy is the Lamb to take the book, and to break its seals; for You were slain, and did purchase for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*⁴

Q: How may I receive the rewards of the Lamb's obedience and suffering?

A: *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel ... Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.*⁵

Q: How shall I live then?

A: *Work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*⁶ **Amen!**

1. Matthew 19:17; 2. Romans 3:10, 23; 3. Deuteronomy 27:26, Romans 6:23; 4. Galatians 4:4, Revelation 5:9; 5. Mark 1:15, Acts 16:31; 6. Philippians 2:12-13

The Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen!

9:00 “There is a Fountain”

arr. Ledgerwood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood will never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

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Till I die.

11:15 “Never Alone”

Barlow

I waited for You today but You didn't show, no, no, no
I needed You today so, where did You go?
You told me to call, said You'd be there
And though I haven't seen You, are You still there?

**I cried out with no reply and I can't feel You by my side so
I'll hold tight to what I know You're here and I'm never alone**

I know I cannot see You and I can't explain why (why)
Such a deep, deep reassurance You've placed in my life
Whoa, we cannot separate 'cause You're part of me
And though You're invisible, I'll trust the unseen
(Chorus)

We cannot separate, You're part of me
And though You're invisible, I'll trust the unseen
(Chorus)

The Scripture Reading: *Zechariah* Ch. 12.10—13.9

"I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. ¹¹In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.

(Zech.13) "In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

²"It will come about in that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land. ³And if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him, 'You shall not live, for you have spoken falsely in the name of the LORD'; and his father and mother who gave birth to him will pierce him through when he prophesies. ⁴Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a hairy robe in order to deceive; ⁵but he will say, 'I am not a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground, for a man sold me as a slave in my youth.' ⁶And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will say, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.' ⁷"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the man, My Associate," Declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand against the little ones. ⁸"It will come about in all the land," Declares the LORD, "That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it. ⁹"And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My Name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The LORD is my God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

AfterExile | *The Beautiful Letdown*

Catharsis in the City

The Hymn of Preparation

9:00 “Rock of Ages” (vv. 1-2)

#499

11:15 “Hear Us From Heaven” (v.1 + Chorus)

Anderson

1. Lord, hear our cry, come heal our land
Breathe life into these dry and thirsty souls
Lord, hear our prayer, forgive our sin
And as we call on Your name
Would You make this a place for Your glory to dwell

Open the blind eyes
Unlock the deaf ears
Come to Your people
As we draw near
Hear us from heaven
Touch our generation
We are Your people
Crying out in desperation

2. Lord, hear our song
Your children worship
And as we sing out Your praise
Would You make this a place for Your glory to dwell
(Chorus)

Hear us from heaven
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Hear us from heaven
(Repeat 3x)

(Chorus (2x))

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers. (Gluten-Free bread is on the middle of the table.)

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Bread

The Wine

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Rock of Ages” (vv. 3–4)

#499

11:15 “Hear Us From Heaven” (Page 10: v. 2 to end)

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The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

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		OFFICE CLOSED
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
	1:00-3:00 PM	S.A.L.T. Painting Class
	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 Registration (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM	Young Adults Bible Study (Dehmer's home)
Saturday	8:00-11:00 AM	Workday

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—come ready to have fun and get creative. The supply fee is \$5 per person, & refreshments will be served. RSVP using the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

Church Work Day | September 12 | 8:00 AM — 11:00 AM

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: Bible Study Begins the Week of Sept. 13th

All 3 women's Bible studies will be taking 10-weeks to look at Jen Wilkin's *Joshua* study. Childcare is provided for in-person studies. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Study books-suggested donation is \$20.

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

Orchid: Today's orchid is given by Sylvia Mannino in celebration of her husband, Paul'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.

THE LORD
IS OUR
GOD



DIRECTIONS: Find
and circle the ALL
CAP NAMES
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally

**BE STILL
AND KNOW
THAT I AM
GOD**

PSALM 46:10

Names of God In the Bible

A	F	Y	A	H	W	E	I	P	O	X	G	O	R	Z	D	J	C	I	W	P
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ABBA: Father

ADONAI: Lord Master

ALPHA AND OMEGA: 1e Beginning and End

ATTIYQ YOUM: 1e Ancient of Days

CHRISTOS: 1e Anointed One

EL CHAY: Living God

EL CHUWL: 1e God Who Gave You Birth

EL DEAH: 1e God of Knowledge

EL ELYON: 1e God Most High

EL GIBHOR: 1e Mighty God

EL OLAM: 1e Everlasting God

EL ROI: 1e God Who Sees

EL SHADDAI: God Almighty

ELOHIM: 1e Creator

IMMANUEL: God With Us

JEHOVAH (YAHWEH): 1e Self-Existent One

Jehovah-BORE: 1e Lord Creator

Jehovah-JIREH: 1e Lord Our Provider

Jehovah-M'KADDESH: 1e Lord Who Sancti"es

Jehovah-NISSI: 1e Lord Our Banner Jehovah-

RAPHA: 1e Lord Our Healer Jehovah-ROHI: 1e

Lord Our Shepherd Jehovah-SABBAOTH: 1e

Lord of Hosts Jehovah-SHALOM: 1e Lord Is

Peace Jehovah-SHAMMAH: 1e Lord Is Iere

Jehovah-TSIDKENU: 1e Lord Our

Righteousness Jehovah-TSURI: 1e Lord Our

Rock

JESUS: 1e Lord Saves

LOGOS: 1e Word

MA'ON: Our Dwelling Place

MESSIAH: 1e Anointed One

