

October 25, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

“R-E-L-A-X. Relax. We’re going to be OK.”

--Aaron Rogers, 2014

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *The Prophet Isaiah 49.13-16*

Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me."

"Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (all 4 verses)

#92

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” (all 3 verses)

#32

11:15 “Your Grace is Enough”

Tomlin

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God.

You wrestle with the sinner's heart.

You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God.

You use the weak to lead the strong.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation and all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough. Heaven reaches out to us.

Your grace is enough for me.

(God I sing) Your grace is enough.

I'm covered in Your love.

Your grace is enough for me, for me, for me.

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.

A Corporate Confession of Sin:

Reader: God of truth and mercy, we seek assurance of Your forgiveness.

We are unworthy to be Your children, unfit to be Your servants.

We are burdened with memories of things undone that ought to have been done, and of things done that ought not to have been done.

People: We need a wider, deeper view of the Cross of Jesus Christ. Break us and grant us repentance leading to new joy.

Reader: Bring afresh the healing and reviving power of Your Spirit, that

we may lay hold of Your salvation by faith and walk in the newness of

life, to the glory and praise of Your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Pardon and New Grace in Christ: Ezekiel 36.26-27 (NLT)

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow My decrees and be careful to obey My judgments.

Prayers of Request:

We ask for a greater display of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives; Spirit, let us see our hardness and stubbornness break and melt under Your gracious influence: **(Silence)**

We pray for a powerful sense of God's presence with us in our daily routines and in the way we love people whom we find to be difficult: **(Silence)**

We pray for our church, for people we've not seen for a time, for brothers and sisters in need; Holy Spirit, give us discernment leading to practical acts of love: **(Silence)**

We pray for our beloved friends, Fred and Sheila Reid, in Tokyo; Lord of the Harvest, use these servants to represent Jesus Christ well and see many added to Your Kingdom! **(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 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!

*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.

He who began a good work in you
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it
He'll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you

If the struggle you're facing is slowly replacing your hope with despair;
Or the process is long and you're losing your song in the night,
You can be sure that the Lord has His hand on you
Safe and secure, He will never abandon you
You are His treasure and He finds His pleasure in you
(Chorus)

11:15 “You Get the Glory”

Traylor

This is so heavy and it's bringing me to my knees
And I'm crying out Lord, “ I need You now to come and see about me”

Why is this life so hard? Why do You seem so far?
But if this cup won't pass, help me to stay steadfast
Let Your will be done.

You get the glory from this. You get the glory from this.
No matter what I have to go through in this world
As long as You get the glory from it

This is my cross to bear. This is my story to tell.
That no matter what I've gone through, I've been tried and came out true
So let Your will be done

(Chorus)

Tribulation, persecution, my affliction
You get the glory from it
In my weakness, in my brokenness, in the crushing
You get the glory from this

On the mountain top, in the valley low,
You are in control, You get the glory from this
On my good days, on my bad days, I will still say,
“You get the glory from this”

(Chorus)

The Scripture Reading: Nehemiah CH 6:1-16

Now when it was reported to Sanballat, Tobiah, to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall, and that no breach remained in it, although at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates, ² then Sanballat and Geshem sent a message to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together at Chephirim in the plain of Ono." But they were planning to harm me. ³ So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" ⁴ They sent messages to me four times in this manner, and I answered them in the same way. ⁵ Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same manner a fifth time with an open letter in his hand. ⁶ In it was written, "It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says, that you and the Jews are planning to rebel; therefore you are rebuilding the wall. And you are to be their king, according to these reports. ⁷ You have also appointed prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning you, 'A king is in Judah!' And now it will be reported to the king according to these reports. So come now, let us take counsel together." ⁸ Then I sent a message to him saying, "Such things as you are saying have not been done, but you are inventing them in your own mind." ⁹ For all of them were trying to frighten us, thinking, "They will become discouraged with the work and it will not be done." But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

¹⁰ *When I entered the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined at home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you, and they are coming to kill you at night." ¹¹ But I said, "Should a man like me flee? And could one such as I go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in." ¹² Then I perceived that surely God had not sent him, but he uttered his prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³ He was hired for this reason, that I might become frightened and act accordingly and sin, so that they might have an evil report in order that they could reproach me. ¹⁴ Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and also Noadiah the prophetess and the rest of the prophets who were trying to frighten me.*

¹⁵ *So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶ When all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks Be to God!

Nehemiah | Not Just Another Brick in the Wall
When the Enemy is Among Us

Today's guest speaker is Tim Sansbury Professor of Philosophy and Theology at Knox Theological Seminary in Fort Lauderdale. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He is married to Nancy. He grew up in South Florida and has three daughters

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Be Thou My Vision” (vv. 1-2,4-5)

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11:15 “Christ is Risen/Blessing”

Wickman/Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtik

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I’m found, was blind, but now I see
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave. Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave.

The prodigal is welcomed home, the sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life and everything has changed
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave. Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave.

O death, where is your sting? O fear, where is your pow’r?
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed, eternal life is ours. O praise His name forever
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave.
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity our song will be the same
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in to heaven’s sweet embrace
I’ll see Your scars, Your open arms, the beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy I’ll lift my voice in everlasting praise
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave

Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Lord bless you and keep you,
And make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.

(Repeat)

Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS AT PARK ROAD

SERMON SERIES

Nehemiah | Not Just Another Brick in the Wall

The *Book of Nehemiah* narrates the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem following the Babylonian Exile. The work was spiritually motivated but intensely physical in nature. The story helps answer questions about deliberate, intentional planning and leadership in the church and in our lives **while also** being led by God's Spirit. Is spontaneity and spiritual freedom compatible with strategy and organization? This fast-paced, divine-human adventure will aid us to discover liberated leadership and Spirit-led creativity in our lives, family, church and mission and more importantly shows the God who tells His people, "*Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are always before Me.*" (Isaiah 49.16)

Nov. 8—*Revival Begins with the Word of God*—Nehemiah 8.1-10:39

OCTOBER SUNDAY CLASS | 10:10-11:05 AM

All Church Sunday School | Fellowship Hall

Join us for hot coffee, delicious pastries, and great community. Tables will be equipped with sample ice breakers to get us talking OR your table may decide to "freestyle" and just chat. Nursery care is available for children 3 and younger. We encourage your children to join us.

NEW SUNDAY CLASSES BEGIN NOVEMBER 1

Inquirer's Class | Led by T. J. Campo | Library

This is our "Park Road 101" class where you have the opportunity to hear from TJ about the belief statements of our Church, the membership commitments, and foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. This 8-week class is required for anyone interested in membership at our Church. Please join us or invite others! If you would like to be a part of this class.

Archaeology & the Bible | Led by John Stevenson & Sky McNeill | Fellowship Hall

We'll turn stones into bread each week as we explore by sight and sound the many finds and excavations of the Biblical past that open our understanding of the Bible. Come and join us, you'll "dig it."

Elementary Sunday School | Eliyah McNeill | Rooms 1 & 2

Eliyah will be using the Jesus Storybook curriculum.

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)
	1:00 PM	SALT Lunch Bunch @ Miller's Ale House
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	Men's Bible Study Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
	7:15-9:00 PM	Women's In-person Bible Study (Rec Room) Contact Kristen at kescobar97@gmail.com
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Park Road Youth
	6:30 PM	Diaconate Meeting
	7:00-9:00 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	7:30-8:30 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00-11:00 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Grace at Grace@parkroadpres.org
	11:15 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30-8:30 PM	ESL Classes

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sun., Oct. 25 | 1:00 pm

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service, the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on Sun., Oct. 25 at Miller's Ale House located at 3215 Oakwood Blvd., 33020.

Women in Stitches | Mon., Nov. 2 | 10:00 AM – Noon | Rec Room

Welcome to all ladies who enjoy crochet, knitting, embroidery, hand sewing of any kind. This group meets on the first Monday of every month. Bring whatever you are working on or just come for the fellowship!

LOOKING AHEAD AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

The Bible Recap-NT | Wed., Nov. 4 | 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.

Fall Market & Chili Cook-Off | Sat., Nov. 7 | 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of swapping, snacking, and fellowship! Our Fall Market is a chance to share something you love & take home a few treasures from your church family.

How the market works: Bring 12 of one item to share. When you arrive, set out your dozen, then browse the tables & trade. You'll go home with a variety of goodies from friends and neighbors.

Not sure what to bring? Here are some ideas:

- **Something Baked:** Little bags of cookies, mini loaves, muffins, fudge, caramel corn
- **Something Crafted:** Cocoa mix jars, homemade spice rubs, candles, sugar scrubs, ornaments
- **Something You Love:** No baking or crafting required! Bring 12 of your favorite things: individually wrapped chocolates, teas, pens, small jars of honey, seasonal treats from the store

Chili Cook-Off: Do you have a recipe worth bragging about? Bring a batch of your best chili and enter the cook-off! Everyone who attends will vote for their favorite, so come hungry and ready to taste. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form by **Nov. 1** if you plan to enter the contest.

Fall Fun: Kids can enjoy lawn games and face painting, and we'll have snacks and drinks for all.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, tear-down, face painting, & serving chili. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form to volunteer. *Questions? Contact Jennifer.*

Advent Devotional Bible Study: The Women's Ministry Team is planning an Advent Bible Study this December. For those of you who participated last year, the devotional is from the same company. This year's study is entitled, *Joy of Every Longing Heart: Sustained by Jesus in Our Waiting and Weariness*. To help us with ordering, if you are interested in participating, please fill out the ***Keeping in Touch***.

Hope Women Centers needs slightly used baby clothing and baby accessories for women who do not have the financial means to purchase these items. Drop off your items at the church office. Questions? Call Lisa at 954-773-3737.

Today's Orchid is given by Barry Tellian in celebration of his wife, Jenetta'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.

