



Rocky  
Mountain  
Community  
Church, PCA

*Welcome to Rocky Mountain Community Church's Congregation*

We're glad you're with us today! If you want to know more about us or if you have any questions, we want to help. There are always leaders up front near the stage at the end of the service to talk with you, pray with you, and help you in any way they can.

*Vision of RMCC*

A community by grace loving the Lord Jesus and making him known

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

## WORSHIP REFLECTION

*“Our acceptance with God does not hinge on our meeting legal standards of any sort, divine or human.” —B. Chapell*

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” —Ephesians 2:8-9*

## WORSHIP THEME

*For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP-- Isaiah 55:6-7—Pastor Alfred Poirier

Seek The LORD while he may be found;  
    **call upon him while he is near;**  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
    **and the unrighteous man his thoughts;**  
let him return to the LORD,  
    **that he may have compassion on him,**  
and to our God,  
    **for he will abundantly pardon.**

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

## OUR RESPONSE

### SONGS

#### ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

St. Francis of Assisi, 1225

Translated by William H. Draper

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## I WAS A WANDERING SHEEP

Matthew 18:14

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 44)

I was a wand'ring sheep,  
I did not love the fold;  
I did not love my Shepherd's voice,  
I would not be controlled.  
I was a wayward child,  
I did not love my home.  
I did not love my Father's voice,  
I loved afar to roam.

The Shepherd sought his sheep,  
The Father sought his child;  
They followed me o'er endless miles,  
O'er deserts waste and wild.  
They found me near to death,  
Famished and alone;  
They bound me with the bands of love,  
They saved the wand'ring one.

Jesus my Shepherd is;  
It's he that loved my soul.  
It's he that washed me in his blood,  
It's he that made me whole.

'Twas he that sought the lost,  
That found the wand'ring sheep.  
'Twas he that brought me to the fold;  
It's he that still does keep.

I was a wand'ring sheep,  
I would not be controlled;  
But now I love my Shepherd's voice,  
I love, I love the fold!  
I was a wayward child,  
I once preferred to roam;  
But now I love my Father's voice,  
I love, I love his home.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18: 9-14—Elder Sam Reck

9He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN— Adapted from Luke 11:37-52

O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all that we are—from the inside out. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61:10*



## OUR RESPONSE

DIACONAL REPORT—Andrew Strong & Amy Laverman, Love INC

### PASTORAL PRAYER

*IN UNISON:*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

SONG

**IT IS FINISHED**

By John Proctor and Trudy Poirier

Nothing either great or small,  
Nothing, sinner, no;  
Jesus died and paid it all,  
Long, long ago.

*Chorus:*

\*It is finished!  
Yes, indeed, finished ev'ry jot;  
Sinner, this is all you need;  
Tell me-- is it not?

When he from his lofty throne,  
Stooped to do and die.  
Ev'ry thing was fully done;  
Listen to his cry!\*

Weary, working, burdened one,  
Why do you toil so?  
Cease your doing; all was done  
Long, long ago!\*

*Bridge*

Till to Jesus' work you cling  
By a simple faith--  
Doing is a deadly thing,  
Doing ends in death.

Cast your deadly "doing" down,  
Down at Jesus' feet.  
Stand in him, in him alone,  
Gloriously complete.\*

Nothing either great or small,  
Nothing, sinner, no;  
Jesus died and paid it all,  
Long, long ago.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *The Law Of Love*

SPEAKER: Pastor Jason Barrie

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:18-3:6

SERMON SERIES: The Gospel of Mark: Authentic Discipleship

<sup>18</sup>Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>19</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup>The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. <sup>21</sup>No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. <sup>22</sup>And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

<sup>23</sup>One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>26</sup>how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" <sup>27</sup>And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." <sup>4</sup>And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Sermon Notes—

1. FUTILITY of legalism

2. FINALITY of Christ

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think so many in the 1st century opposed Jesus? Compare and contrast the opposition Jesus faces in the 21st century.
2. Richard Lovelace describes the insecurity of the legalist—one who depends on religious performance and not on Christ. “Their insecurity shows itself in pride, a fierce, defensive assertion of their own righteousness, and defensive criticism of others. They come naturally to hate other cultural styles and other races in order to bolster their own security and discharge their suppressed anger.”
  - a. Where do you see these traits in those who questioned Jesus?
  - b. Where do you see these traits in your own life?
3. As Jesus exposes the ignorance of his critics, he simultaneously extends hope and promise. Where do you find encouragement in Christ as: Faithful and pursuing husband? Lord of the Sabbath? Healer and forgiver?
4. With the assurance of God’s unfailing love, what new habits of fasting or observance of the Christian Sabbath might deepen your reverence and awe of Jesus?

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER—Pastor Alfred Poirier

*In Preparation for the Bread & Wine:*

*For those who are Christians*

*RMCC Communing Members* are welcome at this table. For our younger members who’ve not been interviewed by your elders, watch and listen carefully as the elements are passed, but withhold for now.

*Guests from other Christian churches* are invited to partake with us (your children, too, if they have been baptized and publicly professed faith).

All should prepare your hearts by self-examination and prayer (1 Cor. 11). If you’re in conflict, though, and refusing to seek reconciliation, Christ says, “First, go and be reconciled.” (Mt 5)

*If you are not a Christian*

We are delighted to have you with us today! We ask you not to partake of the bread and wine but instead use this time to consider the claims that you’ve heard this morning and reflect on this invitation: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Mt 11:28-29)

If you have any questions, please speak to any of our pastors or elders in the front of the sanctuary after the service today.

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD WITH SINGING

**BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS**

Hebrews 12:2-3  
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 34)

Beneath the cross of Jesus with joy I take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within the weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And the burden of the day.

There lies beneath its shadow, but on the further side,  
The darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide.  
And there between us stands the cross,  
Two arms outstretched to save;  
A watchman set to guard the way  
From that eternal grave.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eyes at times can see  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my stricken heart, with tears,  
Two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love  
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place.  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face.  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain or loss;  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all the cross!

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PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US HERE

John 13  
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 7)

Great God, your love has called us here,  
As we, by love for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
Though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
Your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name  
And then receive us as your own,  
Not through some merit, right or claim,  
But by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
And find you kneeling at our feet.

Take the towel and break the bread,  
And humble us and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
And show how grandly love intends,  
To work till all creation sings,  
To fill all worlds, and crown all things.

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## OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

### NOT TO US

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
But to your name be the glory.  
Because of your love and faithfulness  
To your name be the praise. (2x)

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

BENEDICTION

*Following the worship service, elders will be available at the front of the sanctuary to talk with you, pray for you, or answer any questions you may have. Visitors, please join us for coffee and tea down the hall at the kitchen counter.*



## RMCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday:	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Time @ Church
	6:45 a.m.	Elders' Prayer @ Church
	4:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study @ Church
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study ( <i>Good &amp; Angry</i> ) @ Kristin Barrie's Home
Wednesday:	12:00 p.m.	Announcements Due in Church Office
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study ( <i>Good &amp; Angry</i> ) @ Church
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group @ Church
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Bridal Shower for Hannah Dolan @ Church
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.	Symphony @ Rich Mattson Home
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service — Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching (Mark 3:7-21)
	11:30 a.m.	Visitor/Newcomer Lunch— Hosted by Carlson Flock
	8:00 p.m.	RMCC Men's Basketball Game @ Lewis & Clark Middle School

## KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

For complete information see announcements  
(Hard copies in Foyer and on our website at [www.rmccmontana.org](http://www.rmccmontana.org))

- \*Men's Daytime Bible Study resumed last Tuesday, January 31st at 4 PM
- \*Women's Bible Study began this past Tuesday/Wednesday
- \*Women's Daytime Study on *Art of Dying* with Pastor Alfred—Meeting TODAY, February 5th after worship to determine time of study
- \*Bridal Shower for Hannah Dolan, this Thursday, February 9th @ 6:30 PM

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406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

## TODAY AT RMCC

**Greeters:** Nelstead Small Group

**Lord's Supper Servers:** Laverman, Reck, Roan, Schaner, Sholley, Skiles

**Reader:** Sam Reck

**Ushers:** Lewis Vowell, Jerry Elliott, Rick Friesen

**Nursery:** Nancy Rutt\*, Jan Bradley, Nancy VanMaren, Linda Henderson,  
Sandi Gilreath

**TCW:** Linda Schicktanz & Molly Friesen  
Laura Meintjes & Jimmie Sue Lampert  
Admin: Jill Witt

**King's Cupbearers:** Elijah & Luke Gerstner, Nathan Paterson, Noah Felchle,  
Boone Roan

## NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:00 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICE** 10:00 AM

—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching (Mark 3:7-21)

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Elder Jeff Laverman

**Lord's Supper Servers:** Barthel, Brook, Carlson, Feralio, Hubley, Vowell

**Reader:** Sam Reck

**Ushers:** Greg Oliphant, Frank Witt, Ernie Jennings

**Greeters:** Smith Small Group

**Nursery:** Julie\* & Joe McGinnis, Linda Henderson, Theresa Goudy,  
Mike Kindsfater, Alexis Cain, Britta Dalbey

**TCW:** Denise & Greg Oliphant  
George & Maddie Fink  
Admin: Linda Henderson

**King's Cupbearers:** Joshua Goudy, Boaz & Phin Sironi, Everett Stapler

*There is an offering box provided in the foyer for those who wish to worship God with their tithes and offerings. Special offering (i.e. missions, diaconal) envelopes are available above the offering box or make a note on the memo of your check to have it applied to the special offering. If you would like to become a member of this church, or find out more about what we believe, please call the church office at 259-7811.*



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

*Please leave on your chair or place in the  
Prayer Request box in the foyer*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City State Zip

Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

- Add me to the address/phone directory
- Check if new address or phone
- Add me to the E-mail announcement list

Attending Today: \_\_Adults\_\_ Children

- Member
- First Time Visitor
- Guest
- Visit Frequently
- Regularly Attend

*How did you hear about RMCC?*

- Friend/Relative
- Special Events
- Pilgrim Radio
- Mailing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Specific Requests:*

- Send me more information about RMCC.
- I'd like to learn more about Jesus; I'd like to know how God can forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life.
- I'd like an elder to call me.
- I am interested in joining a small group.
- I'd like help with a conflict.
- I'd like you to pray for me. (Over)

## LET US SERVE YOU

### Pastoral Staff

Jason W. Barrie  
Rolf D. Meintjes  
Alfred J. Poirier

### Support Staff

*Office Administrator*  
Tami Haan

*Treasurer*

Kerry Lou Smith

*Facilities Manager*  
Jeff Gray

### Elders

Jeremy Carlson	Rich Mattson
Dom Feralio	David Petsch
Steve Hubley	Sam Reck
Jeff Laverman	Frank Schaner
Andrew Marble	Erik Smith
Daniel Mattson	

### Deacons

Fred Barthel	Jon Sholley
Gary Brook	Steve Skiles
Jeff Goudy	Andrew Strong
Greg Oliphant	Lewis Vowell
Dave Roan	

### Missions Supported by RMCC

Bangladesh	Great Plains Gathering
Northern Mexico	Montana Church Planting
Global Missions	International Peacemaking