

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

MARCH 26, 2017

### WORSHIP REFLECTION

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man...Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal in missions. It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white-hot enjoyment of God's glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God." —John Piper

Worship Theme Faith Comes From Hearing

# GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP-- Psalm 29 Pastor Alfred Poirier

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
 worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
 the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

May the LORD give strength to his people!
 may the LORD bless his people with peace!

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

SONG

### 10,000 REASONS

Words and Music by: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Chorus:

\*Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
Oh my soul;
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before,
Oh my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up,
It's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.\*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; 10,000 reasons for my heart to find.\*

And on that day, when my strength is failing, The end draws near, and my time has come; Still my soul will sing your praise unending, 10,000 years and then forever more!

Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
Oh my soul;
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before,
Oh my soul;
I'll worship your holy name,
Worship your holy name,
Worship your holy name.

# GOD SPEAKS TO US—SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 6:1-10— Elder Jeremy Carlson

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.<sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

"Keep on hearing, but do not understand;

keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts,

and turn and be healed."

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

# GOD SPEAKS TO US

#### PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:8,10-12

MISSIONS REPORT—Pastor Ayub

### 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.

### **GUARD MY LIFE**

Psalm 25 (Pear Tree Hymnal page 23)

My enemies, O Lord, have increased; My troubles have multiplied. Look upon my affliction and my distress And take away all my sins.

#### Chorus:

\*Guard my life and rescue me, Let me not be put to shame. Show me all your ways, O Lord, And I will put my hope in you all the day.

Remember not the sins of my youth Or my rebellious ways. According to your love remember me For you are good, O Lord.\*

My eyes are ever on the Lord; Only he frees my feet from the snare. The Lord makes his covenant known to those Who fear and trust in his name!\*

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Training Children to Worship

invites children ages 4 to 7 downstairs for the TCW Lesson during the sermon

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: The Word Of The King

SPEAKER: Pastor Jason Barrie

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:1-20

SERMON SERIES: The Gospel of Mark: Authentic Discipleship

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

<sup>10</sup> And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."

<sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup>The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup>And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. <sup>16</sup>And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup>And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup>And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup>but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>20</sup>But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

| Intro/Context        |
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| Kingdom Grace (1-12) |

Outline:

### Kingdom Growth (13-20)

#### For Discussion

- 1. Consider these book titles: *Crazy Busy, Amusing Ourselves to Death* and *Just One More: When Desires Won't Take No for an Answer.* How does each accurately describe 21st-century American pop culture? Which one most accurately describes your current station in life?
- 2. How could we explain the Kingdom of God to someone not familiar with the Scriptures? Why does the declaration of Jesus in verses 11-12 appear to contradict his previous kingdom invitations? Knowing that God is not the author of sin nor does he turn away one seeking to come to Christ, how does Jesus' reference to Isaiah 6 magnify the greatness of God's grace?
- 3. Jesus emphasizes listening and hearing the word. "But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold" (v20). How is hearing and accepting the word critical in bearing fruit? As you reflect on your responses to the first question above, what other Bible verse(s) would be beneficial to study/memorize?
- 4. Close by praising the Lord for revealing the secret of the Kingdom—"He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion!"

#### 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

Be Still My Soul (instrumental)

### PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

### OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413 Plainsong, 12<sup>th</sup> Century

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he, Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; All dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, Evermore and evermore!

**CLOSING SONG** 

### COME, LORD JESUS

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"
The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"
Whoever is thirsty let him come;
Let him take the free gift of the water of life.

Behold I am coming soon. Behold I am coming soon. He who says these things testifies, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen, Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Amen, Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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# 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

|            |            | EERET GIEEN EIN                                 |
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| Today:     | 11:30 a.m. | Mexico Missions Trip Meeting—                   |
|            |            | Downstairs Center Room                          |
|            | 11:30 a.m. | Men's & Co-ed Softball Meeting—                 |
|            |            | Front of Sanctuary                              |
| Monday:    | 5:30 p.m.  | Session Dinner Meeting @ Church                 |
|            | 7:00 p.m.  | RMCC Men's Basketball Tournament Game @         |
|            | -          | Lewis & Clark Middle School                     |
| Tuesday:   | 6:30 a.m.  | Men's Prayer Time @ Church                      |
| Ž          |            | NO Elders' Prayer                               |
|            | 4:00 p.m.  | Men's Bible Study @ Church                      |
|            | 7:00 p.m.  | Women's Bible Study (Good & Angry)              |
|            |            | @ Kristin Barrie's Home                         |
| Wednesday: | 9:30 a.m.  | Women's Bible Study (Good & Angry)              |
| -          |            | @ Church  |
|            | 12:00 p.m. | Announcements Due in Church Office              |
|            | 6:30 p.m.  | Youth Group @ Church                            |
| Thursday:  | 4:00 p.m.  | Women's Bible Study (Art of Dying)              |
| Saturday:  | 1:00 p.m.  | Children's Palm Sunday Choir Rehearsal @ Church |
| Sunday:    | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School                                   |
| ·          | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service —Pastor Rolf Meintjes           |
|            |            | preaching/Mark 4:21-25                          |
|            |            | RMCC Men's Basketball 2nd Tournament Game—      |
|            |            | Place & Time to be announced                    |

### **KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Highlights Below—

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

- \*LaVie Baby Bottle Campaign—Deadline to turn in is TODAY, March 26th
- \*RMCC Men's Basketball Team—Tournament Game Tomorrow, Monday @ 7 PM Lewis & Clark Middle School
- \*Children's Palm Sunday Choir Opportunity—Sign Up in Foyer
- \*Mexico Missions Meeting TODAY After Worship—Downstairs Center Room
- \*Men's & Co-ed Softball—Sign-up in Foyer—Meeting TODAY After Worship— Front of the Sanctuary
- \*Easter Brunch, Sunday, April 16th @ 9 AM
- \*Missions Conference, Saturday & Sunday, April 22nd & 23rd

www.rmccmontana.org 406-259-7811 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

#### TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Reck Small Group

Lord's Supper Servers: Barthel, Brook, Petsch, Reck, Schaner, Vowell

Ushers: Greg Oliphant, Frank Witt, Ernie Jennings

Reader: Jeremy Carlson

Nursery: Andrew\* & Jennie Strong, Elizabeth Henderson, Debbie McCormick,

Sam & Loree Reck, Emily Skiles

TCW: Dan, Alexis & Lynne Cain

Kelly Latham & Theresa Goudy

Admin: TaraLee Mattson

King's Cupbearers: Seth, Boaz & Corrie Meintjes, Raleigh & Claire Kindsfater

### **NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM

—Pastor Rolf Meintjes (Mark 4:21-25)

Lord's Supper Servers: Carlson, Feralio, Goudy, Marble, Oliphant, Roan

Reader: Andrew Marble

Ushers: Greg Oliphant, Frank Witt, Ernie Jennings

Greeters: R. Mattson Small Group

Nursery: Kristin Barrie\*, LeAnn Currington, Brianna Brindle,

Bret & Lisa Eldeen, Erik & Kerry Lou Smith

TCW: Greg & Denise Oliphant

Linda Schicktanz & Jimmie Sue Lampert

Admin: Judy TenHarmsel

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

Boone Roan

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.

# PRAYER REQUEST

March 26, 2017

# PRAYER NEEDS Your Name If you would like someone to pray for or with you, please ☐ For Leaders Only consider the following: ☐ For Leaders & Email Prayer List Share your request with your Small Group. If you are not currently in one, we urge you to consider joining (Check box on Keeping In Touch detachable slip on back page.) 2. Talk with one of the officers who are up front at the end of each service for prayer. If you are in need of counseling, please call the church office at 259-7811 or CCEF at 294-5533. Prayer of Belief— Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen. (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please share with a church officer up front following the worship service, or let one of the pastors know.) Comments We welcome your feedback and suggestions. When possible please contact staff by referring to the staff directory, or use the space provided below and place it in the offering box in the foyer.

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Our leaders will pray for your request this week.

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

#### Name\_\_\_\_ Rolf D. Meintjes Alfred J. Poirier Address \_\_\_\_/\_\_/ City State Support Staff Office Administrator Home # Tami Haan Work # Cell# Treasurer E-mail Address Kerry Lou Smith ☐ Add me to the address/phone directory Facilities Manager ☐ Check if new address or phone Jeff Gray ☐ Add me to the E-mail announcement list Attending Today: \_\_Adults\_\_Children **Elders** □ Member Jeremy Carlson Rich Mattson ☐ First Time Visitor Dom Feralio David Petsch □ Guest □ Visit Frequently Steve Hubley Sam Reck □ Regularly Attend Jeff Laverman Frank Schaner Andrew Marble Erik Smith How did you hear about RMCC? Daniel Mattson ☐ Friend/Relative ☐ Special Events □ Pilgrim Radio □ Mailing Deacons □ Other Fred Barthel Jon Sholley Specific Requests. Steve Skiles Gary Brook ☐ Send me more information about Jeff Goudy Andrew Strong RMCC. Greg Oliphant Lewis Vowell ☐ I'd like to learn more about Jesus; I'd Dave Roan 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 Missions Supported by RMCC group. Bangladesh Great Plains Gathering ☐ I'd like help with a conflict. Northern Mexico Montana Church Planting ☐ I'd like you to pray for me. (Over) Global Missions International Peacemaking

LET US SERVE YOU

Pastoral Staff
Jason W. Barrie