



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

APRIL 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

“No one says on their deathbed, “I wish I had spent more time with my business.”
—Lee Iacocca

“Death be not proud, though, some have called thee, mighty and boastful for thou art not so . . .”
—John Donne, *Holy Sonnet, 10*

WORSHIP THEME

Our Lord Who Leads Us From Death To Life

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—REVELATION 5:12-14--Pastor Jason Barrie

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!” Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE

SONGS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

WE CRY HOSANNA LORD!
WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST
HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

BEHOLD OUR GOD

By: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,
Ryan Baird & Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:

*Behold our God,
Seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King,
Nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *

Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *

Bridge

Men: You will reign forever.
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth. (4 times) *

GOD SPEAKS TO US—SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 9:21-27--Elder Sam Reck

²¹And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,²² saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

²³And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Most Merciful Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we thank you for the gift of the Son,
 our Lord Jesus, who gave himself unto death for us.
Therefore, we come confessing our sin and pleading for greater obedience.
 Forgive us, Lord, for not daily denying ourselves.
 Forgive us, Lord, for not daily taking up our cross.
 Teach us, each day, how to lose our lives for your sake,
 that we may gain everlasting life. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.” Isaiah 44:22

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Tim & Stephanie Hudgins

RMCC's Vows (Adapted from PCA)

1. Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?
2 Tim 3.16; 2 Pet 1.19-21; Matt 4.4
2. Do you believe in the name of the one and only, living God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that, for us and our salvation, the Son of God became man, died on the cross to atone for our sins, rose bodily on the third day, ascended into heaven and will return to complete our salvation? Matt 28.19; 1 Cor 15.3-5; John 1.1, 14; Acts 1.11
3. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His wrath, and without hope except for God's sovereign love and mercy?
Eph 1.3-14; 2.1-10; Tit 3.3-7; 1 Pet 1.2-9
4. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
Rom 1.16-17; 3.9-26; Phil 3.5-9; Tit 3.3-5; 1 Tim 1.15
5. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will serve him with all that is in you, to forsake the world, to put to death your sinful nature, and to endeavor to live a godly life as a follower of Christ? Eph 4.17-6.4; 1 Pet 1.13-15; Rom 8.29
6. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
Rom 12.3-8; 1 Cor 12.9-15; Eph 4.1-16; Heb 12.24-25; 1 Pet 4.7-11
7. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to pursue and preserve its purity and peace? 1 Thess 5.12-13; 1 Tim 5.17; Heb 13.17

VOWS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do you, members of RMCC, receive and accept this brother and sister as members of this local body even as Christ has accepted you; and do you promise to encourage, pray for, help and support them, realizing that God has fit them into our body for their good, our edification and his glory?

OUR RESPONSE

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

PERFECT LAMB OF GOD

By Adam Sacks

The light of day was cloaked by night
And heaven closed its eyes.
Wrath unspared for countless sins,
The Guiltless crucified.
Hands of kindness driven through,
Back on splintered beam.
The holy curtain torn in two,
Atonement made for me.

Chorus:

*Hail the perfect Lamb of God.
A kingly ransom paid,
When you, my Lord, were slain.
Love, unrivaled here displayed,
Calls my heart to praise
The perfect Lamb of God.

Insults mock the Son of God,
The angels are restrained.
But all the cup must be endured
For sinners to be saved.
Can grace prevail in such a day
Of scandal and of scorn?
But with a cry, "Forgive," you claim
Traitors as your own.*

As you drew your final breath,
My debt was satisfied.
And love divine, in glorious might,
Would vanquish death and rise.*

Training Children to Worship

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Christ, Death & The Art Of Dying*

SPEAKER: Pastor Alfred Poirier

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:32-46

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Outline—

- 1) Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

- 2) Luke 23:43 “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

- 3) John 19:26-27 “Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.”

- 4) John 19:28 “I thirst.”

- 5) Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34 “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

- 6) John 19:30 “It is finished.”

- 7) Luke 23:46 “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Discussion Questions

1. Talking to a loved one about death and dying is often called “one of the hardest conversations you’ll have.” Why is that? How do people respond to talk about death and dying?
2. The Art of Dying is an ancient Christian practice of preparing our hearts for death, and the Judgment to come (Heb 9:27). What makes modern culture so inimical to this “art”?
3. Of Christ’s seven sayings, which two are most important for you as you think of death and dying? Explain why.
4. In what way is the death of Christ different from ours? What does Jesus say/do on the cross to provide the most comfort for us in our own dying and death?
5. Read and discuss how 2 Corinthians 5:15 is a call to practice “dying in Christ” each day.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—Pastor Jason Barrie

Heidelberg Catechism, LORD'S DAY 16

40 Q. Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

A. Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.

42 Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

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

THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST

Exodus 24:10-11
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 39)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side.
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast;
Christ the victim and Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat the manna from above.

Mighty Savior from the sky,
Pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee,
With the Spirit, ever be.

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PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

JESUS, PASSOVER LAMB

1 Corinthians 5:7
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 29)

Long ago in Egypt
The Death Angel came,
He looked upon the doorpost,
He looked upon the frame,
To see if the blood
Of the lamb was there.
If it was, the firstborn was spared.

Chorus:

*Jesus, Passover Lamb,
He is the Messiah
The Great I AM,
The Lamb of God
Who has passed over me,
Who takes away the sin of the world.

Long ago in Israel
The Lord Jesus came,
Born as a man
He was God in the flesh;
He was greater than
Moses or Abraham;
He was God's perfect Passover Lamb.*

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OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

By Reuben Morgan

Let the weak say I am strong.
Let the poor say I am rich.
Let the blind say I can see.
It's what the Lord has done in me. (*repeat*)

Chorus:

*Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

Into the river I will wade.
There my sins are washed away,
From the heavens mercy streams
Of the Savior's love for me.*

I will rise from waters deep
Into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs:
Jesus Christ has set me free!*

Let the weak say I am strong.
Let the poor say I am rich.
Let the blind say I can see.
It's what the Lord has done in me.

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

- Today:* 11:30 a.m. Visitor/Newcomer Lunch—Hosted by Reck & Smith Flocks
- 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
- Wednesday:* 12:00 p.m. Announcements Due in Church Office
6:30 p.m. Youth Group @ Church
- Thursday:* 4:00 p.m. Art of Dying Women's Bible Study
- Friday:* 12:00 p.m. Next Month's Calendar Items Due in Office
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service
- Sunday:* NO Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Easter Brunch @ Church
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Jason Barrie preaching (Luke 24:13-35)

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

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

- *Visitor/Newcomer Lunch—TODAY--Hosted by Reck & Smith Flocks
- *Deadline for Softball Sign-ups TODAY, Sunday, April 9th! Fees paid to Jake Haan
- *Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7 PM
- *Easter Brunch, Sunday, April 16th @ 9 AM
- *Missions Conference, Saturday & Sunday, April 22nd & 23rd
- *Missions Garage Sale Update—May 5th & 6th—Lots of details in Announcements!
- *Vacation Bible School—Save The Date—July 17th-21st

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9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Oliphant Small Group

Lord's Supper Servers: Hubley, Laverman, Sholley, Skiles, Smith, Strong

Ushers: Jon Rutt, Doug Iams, Rick Stevens

Reader: Sam Reck

Nursery: Jeremy* & Bekah Carlson, Skyler & Rachel Kincaid, Molly Mattson,
Chrissie & Shawn Reinhart

TCW: Andrew & Nora Meier

Colin & Jacki Gerstner

Admin: Susan Cuthill

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

EASTER BRUNCH

9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

—Pastor Jason Barrie (Luke 24:13-35)

Lord's Supper Servers: Barthel, Brook, D. Mattson, Petsch, Reck, Vowell

Reader: Erik Smith

Ushers: Clark Vowell, Shawn Reinhart, Bill Nolte

Greeters: Jr. High Youth

Nursery: Sedley* & Andrew Marble, Amy & Jeff Laverman, Jan Bradley,
Theresa Goudy, Britta Dalbey

(NO TCW)

King's Cupbearers: Ava Proxiv, Evelyn Reck, Abigail Strong,

Bailey Mattson, Grace Mattson, Grace McGinnis

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

April 9, 2017

PRAYER NEEDS

If you would like someone to pray for or with you, please consider the following:

- 1. Share your request with your Small Group. If you are not currently in one, we urge you to consider joining one.
(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.

Your Name _____

- For Leaders **Only**
- For Leaders & Email Prayer List

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 _____

Address _____

_____/_____/_____
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
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Steve Hubley	Sam Reck
Jeff Laverman	Frank Schaner
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Daniel Mattson	

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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