



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 30, 2017

## WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

*“And here is perhaps the ultimate reason Jesus spoke in parables—because His life is a parable, the story of God in the flesh, a God who is crucified and raised from the dead. —Rankin Wilbourne*

## WORSHIP THEME

*Christ Grows Us By Grace*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 65:1, 5-7, 9-10--Pastor Alfred Poirier

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

**By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,**  
O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the  
farthest seas;

**the one who by his strength established the mountains,**  
**being girded with might;**  
who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult  
of the peoples,

**You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;**  
**the river of God is full of water;**  
you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

**You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening**  
**it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE  
SONGS

## OUR GREAT GOD

By Fernando Ortega

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;  
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne;  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone. \*

*Chorus:*

\*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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*(Repeat chorus twice at the end)*

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless Enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.\*

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,  
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth,  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the Living God who rules them by His Word.\*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US—

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-7--Elder Andrew Marble

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

## OUR RESPONSE

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.  
**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit,  
yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.  
**Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud,  
ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.  
**Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you,  
we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.  
**Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love,  
yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world  
and can quickly become overwhelmed by our doubts.  
**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross,  
by your Spirit and through your word,  
transform and renew us to follow you with joy.  
**All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**



## SILENT CONFESSION

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

#### PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*“Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” Isaiah 1:18*

### 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

LORD OF THE STARFIELDS

By Bruce Cockburn  
Arranged by Trudy Poirier

Lord of the starfields, the Ancient of Days;  
Universe maker, here's a song in your praise.  
Wings of the stormcloud, beginning and end;  
You make my heart leap, like a banner in the wind.

*Chorus:*

\*O Love, that fires the sun  
Keep me burning, keep me burning.  
O Love, that fires the sun  
Keep me burning, keep me burning, keep me burning.

Lord of the starfields, the sower of life;  
Heaven and earth are full of your light.  
Voice of the Nova, smile of the dew;  
All of our yearnings, only come home to you.\*

*Training Children to Worship*

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

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *God Gives Growth*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Mark 4: 26-34

<sup>26</sup>And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Sermon Outline—

I. Growing Seed

II. Mustard Seed

III. Seeds that Succeed

Questions—

1. What is the key comparison being made in the parable of the seed growing, and what does this tell us about the Kingdom of God (Mark 4:26-29)?
2. What is the key comparison being made in the parable of the mustard seed, and what does this tell us about the Kingdom of God (Mark 4:30-34)?
3. What was Jesus seeking to teach with these parables regarding the Kingdom of God that the original audience didn't understand?
4. What do these parables teach us about Jesus, our King, and our need to trust in him for growth in the Christian life?
5. Christ has come and inaugurated (introduced) his Kingdom. Christ will also come again. How does your citizenship in his eternal kingdom shape your life now?

## 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

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
Leaving all to follow you.  
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,  
From now on you'll be my all.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known,  
Yet how rich is my condition.  
God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise, forsake me;  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me,  
You are not, like them, untrue.  
O while you smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me.  
Show your face and all is bright!

Man may trouble and distress me;  
It will drive me to your side.  
Life with trials hard may press me,  
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.  
Even grief, it will not harm me,  
While your love is left to me;  
And it's not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with you.

Soul, then know your full salvation,  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care.  
Joy to find in ev'ry station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Soon shall close this earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass these pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Jesus, I my cross have taken, ...

## OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

### GLORIOUS AND MIGHTY

By: Joel Sczebel, Todd Twinin and Bob Kauflin

Majesty,  
Your glory is shining  
Brighter than the moon and the stars.  
Marvelling,  
We honor and fear you above all gods.

*Chorus:*

\*Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty,  
Joyful songs we raise.  
Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty,  
Greatly to be praised.

Majesty,  
You fashioned the heavens,  
Your decrees can never be changed.  
Over all  
The plans of the nations your judgments reign.\*

Majesty,  
We'll sing with creation  
When you come again in the clouds.  
Every knee  
Will bow down and worship the one true God.\*

## 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:* 2-5 p.m. Donations accepted for Missions Garage Sale
- Monday-Wednesday:* 9:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m. Donations accepted for Missions Garage Sale
- 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
- Friday:* 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Missions Garage Sale @ Church
- Saturday:* 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Missions Garage Sale @ Church
- Saturday:* 9:30 a.m. Symphony @ Rich Mattson Home
- Sunday:* *Faith Promise Sunday*  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—  
Pastor Alfred Poirier preaching-- Exodus 40.17-38  
11:30 a.m. VBS Informational Meeting Downstairs Center Room

### 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))

- \*Missions Garage Sale Update—May 5th & 6th—Lots of details in announcements!
- \*We NEED YOUR HELP & STRONG BACKS to prepare for Missions Garage Sale!
- \*Vacation Bible School—Save The Date—July 17th-21st
- \*Summer Family Fun Activities—Specifics in announcements
- \*Extreme Makeover Whitefish Edition
- \*Co-ed and Men's Softball Game Schedule
- \*May Calendars Available in Foyer

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9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

## TODAY AT RMCC

**Greeters:** McGinnis / Friesen Small Group

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

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

**Nursery:** Julie\* & Joe McGinnis, Jake & Bethany Haan,  
Jaimee Erickson, Annette Friesen, Molly Friesen

**TCW:** Nancy Pence & LeAnn Currington  
Skyler & Rachel Kincaid  
Admin: Linda Henderson

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

## NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:00 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICE—FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY** 10:00 AM  
—Pastor Alfred Poirier preaching--Exodus 40: 17-38

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

**Reader:** Sam Reck

**Ushers:** Mark Baldwin, Jeff Goudy, Don Russell

**Greeters:** Kindsfater / Cain Small Group

**Nursery:** Tasha Houlihan\*, Jeremy & Bekah Carlson, Adam Barrie,  
Andrew & Nora Meier, Angie Laird

**TCW:** Dan, Alexis & Lynne Cain  
David Petsch & Jim George  
Admin: TaraLee Mattson

**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.*



## 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