



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 16, 2017

EASTER

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

—John 11:25-26

“If the resurrection of Jesus did happen, then the implications are breathtaking. Everything the Bible says about Jesus is true: God can be known as Father, forgiveness is possible, heaven is attainable and death is just a short sleep before eternal joy . . . Whether or not the resurrection happened isn't just a fact of history; it is a fact that changes our future.”

—The Life by J. John

WORSHIP THEME

He Has Risen Indeed!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—from PSALM 150—Pastor Rolf Meintjes

Praise the LORD!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

**Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE
SONG

GOD SPEAKS TO US—SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 53

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for our selves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

Romans 4:25

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

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

The Psalter, 1912
Tune by John Hatton, c. 1793

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives and while he lives I'll sing;
He is my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my future to prepare;
He lives, to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name;
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

(NO Training Children to Worship)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Opening Blind Eyes*

SPEAKER: Pastor Jason Barrie

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Outline—

1. How do we miss the message?

2. How does Jesus open our blind eyes?

Discussion Questions

1. How did the Emmaus disciples miss the “main thing” on that first Easter? How can we make similar mistakes when it comes to our understanding of the resurrection and redemption?
2. How does Jesus open blind eyes? What strikes you about the way Jesus opens the word to them?
3. Reflect on this quote: *“What makes life purposeless and petty and vain and indeed intolerable to thinking men and women? It is the thought that it leads nowhere and means nothing. And then comes Easter, and there behind the broken and distorted foreground of life as we know it stands up shining in the sunlight of God the face of the risen Christ. Here is the great interpreting, unifying fact we have been seeking.”*
How does Easter change everything? How will Easter change the way you live this week?

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—Pastor Rolf Meintjes

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

BEHOLD, I TELL YOU A MYSTERY

1 Corinthians 15:51

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 2)

Behold, I tell you a mystery:
We shall all be changed.
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,
We shall all be changed.
O Death, where is your victory?
O Death, where is your sting?
For the sting of death is sin,
And the pow'r of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God,
Who gives the victory
Through our Lord Jesus Christ. (*repeat*)

Trudy E. Poirier

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PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

BREAD OF THE WORLD

Reginald Heber, 1827

Trudy E. Poirier, 2016

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed;
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead.

*Chorus

Bread of Life,
Feed us now,
Give us the grace to
Live in this fallen world
In your love.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken;
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be your feast to us the token
That by your grace our souls are fed.*

OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

WERE YOU THERE?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Were you there?)
Oh!.....
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
(Were you there?)
Oh!.....
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
(Were you there?)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
(Were you there?)
Oh!.....
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
(Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
(Were you there?)
Oh!.....
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
(Were you there?)

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
(Were you there?)
Oh!.....
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory, glory, glory!
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
(Were you there?)

RMCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Monday:** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Tuesday:** 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Time @ Church
NO Elders' Prayer
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
- Saturday:** *Missions Conference*
8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Men Called To Plant Churches
6:30 p.m. Montana Church Planting Strategy and Practice
6:30 p.m. Children's Mission Program
8:00 p.m. Dessert & Fellowship
- Sunday:** *Missions Conference*
9:00 a.m. Special Sunday School—Joint Adult Class
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Ryan Sutherland preaching
11:30 a.m. Congregational Lunch with Q&A
1:00-3:00 p.m. Great Plains Gathering Open House

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

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

- *Missions Conference, Saturday & Sunday, April 22nd & 23rd
- *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

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.

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

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Jr. High Youth Group

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

Ushers: Clark Vowell, Shawn Reinhart, Bill Nolte

Reader: Erik Smith

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

(No TCW)

King's Cupbearers: Ava Prociv, Evelyn Reck, Abigail Strong,
Bailey Mattson, Grace Mattson, Grace McGinnis

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

Missions Conference Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

—Pastor Ryan Sutherland preaching

Lord's Supper Servers: Feralio, Goudy, Oliphant, Roan, Schaner, Smith

Reader: Jeremy Carlson

Ushers: Lewis Vowell, Jerry Elliott, Rick Friesen

Greeters: Petsch Small Group

Nursery: Jess* & Scott Felchle, Grace Skiles, Nancy Rutt,
Kerry Lou & Erik Smith, Laura Dalbey

TCW: Jaimee Erickson & Brooke Habener

Sandi Gilreath & Linda Benson

Admin: Donna Holden / Jill Witt

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

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 _____

_____/_____/_____
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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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