



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

MAY 14, 2017

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

“Good people know about both good and evil: bad people do not know about either.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

WORSHIP THEME

The Lord—Sovereign Over Evil

2's & 3's SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Open, Shut Them
Jesus Loves Me
The Fuzzy Caterpillar

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 145:3-4--Pastor Rolf Meintjes

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
 his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation will commend your works to another;
 they will tell of your mighty acts.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE
SONG

I WILL SEEK YOU EARNESTLY

Psalm 63
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 45)

God, you are my God;
Earnestly I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you;
My body longs for you
In a dry, weary land
Where there is no water.

Chorus:

*And I will seek you earnestly!
For I have seen you in the sanctuary
And beheld your power and glory.
Because your love is better than life,
My lips will glorify you.
And I will praise you as long as I live!
And I will praise you as long as I live!

On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
My soul clings to you;
Your right hand will uphold me.*

In your name I lift up my hands;
You satisfy my soul.
Like eating richest food,
My soul is satisfied.
My lips will sing your praise;
My mouth will praise your name.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US —

SCRIPTURE READING: Amos 4:6-12 -- Elder Erik Smith

“I gave you empty stomachs in all your cities,
and lack of bread in all your places,
yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord.

⁷“I also withheld the rain from you
when there were yet three months to the harvest;
I would send rain on one city,
and send no rain on another city;
one field would have rain,
and the field on which it did not rain would wither;
⁸so two or three cities would wander to another city
to drink water, and would not be satisfied;

yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord.

⁹“I struck you with blight and mildew;
your many gardens and your vineyards,
your fig trees and your olive trees the locust devoured;

yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord.

¹⁰“I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt;
I killed your young men with the sword,
and carried away your horses,
and I made the stench of your camp go up into your nostrils;

yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord.

¹¹“I overthrew some of you,
as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning;

yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord.

¹²“Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel;
because I will do this to you,

prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN—

Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess our sinfulness and our shortcomings.
You alone know how often we have sinned
 in wandering from your ways,
 in wasting your gifts,
 in forgetting your love,
 in failing to number our days aright.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
 for we are ashamed and sorry
 for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
 and help us to live in your light
 and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? Declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live? Ezekiel 18:23

OUR RESPONSE

BAPTISMAL VOWS & BAPTISM—

Simon James Orth (Son of Isaac & Karla Orth)

BAPTISMAL VOWS FOR THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge that your son, being conceived and born in sin and therefore subject to God's condemnation, has the need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly offer your son to God for Christian baptism, and, in humble reliance upon God's grace, do you promise to instruct him in the doctrines of our faith as revealed in Holy Scripture and summarized in the Confession and Catechisms of this Church; and do you promise to set before him a godly example, to pray with and for him, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vow for the Congregation

And do you, as brothers and sisters in Christ, and members of this body of Christ, promise to help this family by your encouragement, prayers, and acts of mercy, supporting them in their endeavor to nurture their son to follow the Lord?

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

WHAT GOD ORDAINS

What God ordains is always good:
His will is just and holy.
As he directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed in ev'ry need
Knows well how he will shield me;
To him then I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me in his own right way,
And never will he leave me.
I take content what he has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my life to gladness.

What God ordains is always good:
His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
That my physician sends me.
My God is true; each morning new
I trust his grace unending,
My life to him commending.

What God ordains is always good:
He is my loving father.
He never seeks to do me harm
Though many storms may gather.
Now though I know both joy and pain,
Someday I shall see clearly
That he has loved me dearly.

What God ordains is always good;
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with his arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

Training Children to Worship

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Jesus and Evil*

SPEAKER: Pastor Alfred Poirier

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-5

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

Outline—

1. What is the Problem of Evil?

2. How did Jesus Answer Evil? Luke 13

3. What is the Ultimate Measure and Defeat of Evil?

Discussion Questions—

1. If there is no God, can we speak of there being real “good” and real “evil”?
2. Read the quote below. Do you agree with Lewy that secular liberalism (individuals decide what is right and wrong, and they ought to be absolutely free to do whatever they want) is incapable of sustaining and nourishing concern for others above one’s self and self-sacrifice for others?

Guenter Lewy, agnostic political scientist, University of Massachusetts: “Adherents of [a naturalistic] ethic are not likely to produce a Dorothy Day or a Mother Theresa. Many of these people love humanity but not individual human beings with all their failings and shortcomings. They will be found participating in demonstrations for causes such as nuclear disarmament but not sitting at the bedside of a dying person. An ethic of moral autonomy and individual rights, so important to secular liberals, is incapable of sustaining and nourishing values such as altruism and self-sacrifice.” [Guenter Lewy, *Why America Needs Religion*, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996), 137.]

3. Review Jesus’ four answers to the “problem of evil.” How does each answer help us better understand and address suffering in our lives and around us?
 - 1] Jesus helped those suffering.
 - 2] Jesus didn’t help all. Suffering in this world indicates a deeper problem that only God can heal.
 - 3] No—People who suffer are not worse than others.
 - 4] Yes—We all suffer the consequences of sin. Thus, we all need to repent (turn to Christ) lest we perish (everlasting damnation).
4. How is Jesus’ death on the cross the final measure and defeat of evil?

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—Pastor Rolf Meintjes

Heidelberg Catechism—

I. Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer.

That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

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

MY ONLY COMFORT

Heidelberg Catechism #1
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 40)

My only comfort in life and in death
Is that I am not my own
But belong with all my body and soul
To my Savior Jesus Christ.

Chorus:

*All things work together for good,
To work for my salvation,
And I am assured, when I read in his Word,
I have eternal life!

The debt of my sin is fully paid
With his own precious blood,
And it sets me free from the tyranny
Of Satan and his works.*

He also watches over me
In such a wondrous way;
Not a hair can fall but he sees it all,
According to his will.*

My only comfort in life and in death
Is that I am not my own
But belong with all my body and soul
To my Savior Jesus Christ.

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PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

FACE TO FACE

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1855

Music by Trudy Poirier, 2014

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face.
Here I would touch and handle things unseen.
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace
And all my weariness upon you lean.

Chorus:

*Mine is the sin, but yours the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but yours the cleansing blood;
Here my robe, my refuge, my peace,
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord my God.

Here I would feed upon the bread of God.
Here drink with you, the royal wine of heav'n.
Here I lay aside my heavy, earthly load
And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.*

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew;
Here I feast, and while I feast, I will prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.*

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here.
So near and ever still my shield and sun.*

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OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

GLORIA PATRI

Psalm 29:2

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 55)

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,
Glory to the Spirit, blessed Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, it is now until the end,
World without end.
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen.

And we sing glory to the Father, glory to the Son,
Glory to the Spirit, blessed Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, it is now until the end,
World without end.
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen.

(*Gloria Patri* is Latin for "Glory to the Father" and pronounced "glor-ee-ah pah-tree")

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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

- Monday:* 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Softball Game
9:00 p.m. Men's Softball Game
- 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
6:00 p.m. Youth Group @ Church
6:00 p.m. Congregational Dinner & Informational Meeting @ Church
- Thursday:* 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study @ Church
- Sunday:* 10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Graduation Sunday
Pastor Jason Barrie (Mark 4:35-41)
11:30 a.m. Graduation Lunch (Graduates, families & guests)
6:30 p.m. Missions Report Night—Mexico Vision Trip

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

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

- *Vacation Bible School—Save The Date—July 17th-21st—Register Now Online
- *Summer Family Fun Activities—Specifics in announcements
- *Extreme Makeover Whitefish Edition
- *Co-ed and Men's Softball Game Schedule
- *New RMCC hats for sale— Proceeds go to new equipment for Men's & Co-ed Softball Teams

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406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Carlson/Gerstner Small Group

Lord's Supper Servers: Carlson, Goudy, Oliphant, Reck, Roan, Schaner

Reader: Erik Smith

Ushers: Jon Rutt, Doug Iams

Nursery: Jessica Roan*, Chris & Rebecca Ciesielski, Barb Sholley,
Julie & Amy Prociv, Natalie Saur

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

—Pastor Jason Barrie preaching--Mark 4:35-41

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

Reader: Jeremy Carlson

Ushers: Bob Schicktanz, Bill Blewett, Jim George

Greeters: B. Mattson Small Group

Nursery: Kendall Barrie*, Rob & Bobi Charette, Loretta Dalbey,
George Fink, Nancy VanMaren, Sandi Gilreath

King's Cupbearers: Ava Prociv, 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

May 14, 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

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Rolf D. Meintjes
Alfred J. Poirier

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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