



Rocky  
Mountain  
Community  
Church, PCA

## *Welcome to Rocky!*

Whether you are convinced or unconvinced, burned or bored, cynical or spiritual, regardless of your beliefs or doubts, this is a safe place for you to explore Christianity and learn what it means to follow Jesus in community. God's message of grace is for morally flawed people like us: broken, imperfect, and loved beyond our understanding. We do not show up because we are good; we show up because we need Jesus.

## *Our Vision*

A community by grace loving the Lord Jesus and making him known

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

## WORSHIP REFLECTION

*“And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our own feet, and learn to be at home.”* — Wendell Berry

## WORSHIP THEME

*Our God Is Faithful*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Isaiah 35

Be strong, and do not fear! Your God will come to save you.

**Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf be unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.**

Then will the wilderness rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice and shout for joy.

**And we, the ransomed of the Lord, will enter with singing.**

**Everlasting joy will crown our heads.**

Open your eyes and see now the glory of the Lord, and the splendor of our God.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

## OUR RESPONSE

### SONGS

#### CHOSEN BY GOD

John 15:16

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 42)

It's not that I did choose you,  
For Lord that could not be.  
My heart would still refuse you,  
Had you not chosen me!  
You from the sin that stained me  
Have cleansed and set me free;  
From old you have ordained me  
That I should live for you.

*Chorus:*

\*So now all I can do is sing your praise,  
And live in your mercy all of my days.  
I know my salvation is secure,  
I am yours and you are mine.

Your sov'reign mercy called me  
And taught my op'ning mind;  
The world had so enthralled me,  
To you I was so blind.  
There is no room for boasting,  
Except to boast in this:  
To know that if I love you,  
You must have loved me first!\*

Nothing now in heaven,  
Or in this fallen world,  
Can separate the union  
I have with God above;  
Not death or life or demons,  
Not famine or the sword  
Can snatch us from the love  
We have in Christ our Lord!\*

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## DEBTOR TO MERCY

Philippians 1:6  
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 54)

A debtor to mercy alone,  
Of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with your righteousness on,  
My person and off'ring to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God  
With me can have nothing to do;  
My savior's obed'ience and blood,  
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began,  
The arm of his strength will complete;  
His promise is yes and amen,  
And never was forfeited yet.  
Things future, nor things that are now,  
Or all things below or above,  
Can make him his purpose forgo,  
Or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands,  
Eternity will not erase;  
Impressed on his heart it remains,  
In marks of indelible grace.  
Yes, I to the end shall endure,  
As sure as the earnest is giv'n;  
More happy but not more secure,  
My glorified life is in heav'n.

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**GOD SPEAKS TO US**—Elder Andrew Marble  
SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 34

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.”<sup>5</sup> So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

<sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

## OUR RESPONSE

### CONFESSION OF SIN—

O Lord our God, we confess that although we, of all people, ought to live in full confidence of your promises and faithfulness to us in Christ, we are easily discouraged. We are discouraged when "my will" does not match "Thy will." We are dismayed when our bodies fail, our kids rebel, our comfort gets disrupted. When we are discouraged, it's not because of a lack of faithfulness on your part, O Lord, but rather, it's due to our wandering hearts being set on fading treasures and feeble hopes. Forgive us for trusting in anyone or anything other than you, we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* Lamentations 3:22-23

## OUR RESPONSE

### RECEPTION OF COMMUNING MEMBERS

Gary & Karen Flohr

#### 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?

**BAPTISMS--**

Hope Zhen Marie Gerstner (Daughter of Colin & Jacki Gerstner)

Liam Donald Haan (Son of Jacob & Bethany Haan)

**BAPTISMAL VOWS FOR THE PARENTS**

1. Do you acknowledge that your children, being conceived and born in sin and therefore subject to God's condemnation, have 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 their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly offer your children to God for Christian baptism, and, in humble reliance upon God's grace, do you promise to instruct them 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 them a godly example, to pray with and for them and, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them 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 these families by your encouragement, prayers, and acts of mercy, supporting them in their endeavor to nurture their children 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.

OUR RESPONSE

SONG

**GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY**

By William Cowper  
Traditional English Melody  
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.  
Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never failing skill;  
He treasures up his bright designs  
And works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break  
In blessings on your head.  
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding ev'ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.  
Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
And he will make it plain.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *I Will Never Leave You*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Joshua 1:1-9

SERMON SERIES: Joshua—"I Will Be With You"

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, <sup>2</sup>"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success<sup>[a]</sup> wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

*Outline-*

I. Leader

II. Land

III. Law

*Questions:*

1. Why was it so significant that Moses was now dead? How do you think the people of Israel responded when they learned of his death?
2. What was so important about the Promised Land that would cause God's people to fight for it?
3. Read Joshua 1:5. What would you say was most consoling in this promise?
4. What particular promises of God have caused you to hang on in the midst of the impossible?
5. How does Joshua 1 point us to Jesus in each of the three areas covered (leader, land, and law)? In what ways does this genuinely help you to love your Savior more?

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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

**HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

Words and music by Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

\*Chorus

He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast. \*

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When he comes at last!\*

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,  
He makes me down to lie.  
In pastures green he leads me,  
The quiet waters by.

*Chorus:*

\*My soul he does restore again,  
And me to walk does make,  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
All for his own name's sake,  
All for his own name's sake.

Even when walking through valleys,  
Even the valley of death,  
I won't be afraid of the evil,  
For he will be with me always.\*

You spread a table before me  
In front of my enemies.  
You pour your oil upon my head,  
My cup, it overflows.\*

Surely goodness will follow me  
All of the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever, he'll be my delight!\*

Trudy E. Poirier

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## OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

### ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

Text by Samuel Stennett

Music by Christopher Miner

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more. (Repeat chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest? (Repeat chorus)

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

BENEDICTION



## RMCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Today:* 10:00 a.m. Worship Service—  
Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching
- Monday:* 5:30 p.m. Session Dinner Meeting @ Church
- Tuesday:* 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Time @ 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 Kick-Off Dinner @ Church
- Next Sunday:* 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—  
Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching

## 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))

- Nursery Changes—Beginning THIS Sunday, September 9th  
Be sure to check the announcements for complete details
- Coming this fall to RMCC—“Dinners For Eight” —see flyer in the foyer
- Men's Bible Study Resumes, THIS Tuesday, September 11th at 4 PM
- Interested in Membership? More details in the weekly announcements
- Clayshoot & BBQ! All ages and skills welcome! Register online or in the foyer. Deadline to sign up is September 12
- Seniors Luncheon—Friday, September 21st at 11:15 AM
- Fall Ball—November 3rd —See announcements for more details
- Work Day @ Great Plains Gathering—Saturday, September 22nd—More details 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.*

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406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

## TODAY AT RMCC

**Greeters:** Kindsfater Small Group

**Lord's Supper Servers:** Cryder, Petsch, Reck, Schaner, Sholley, Vowell

**Reader:** Andrew Marble

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

**Nursery:** Sedley\* & Andrew Marble, Nancy VanMaren, George Fink,  
Clark & Elizabeth Vowell, Theresa Goudy

**King's Cupbearers:** Boone & Trek Roan, Boaz & Phin Sironi,  
Everett & Gabrielle Stapler

## NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Wes Holmes

**Lord's Supper Servers:** Carlson, Goudy, Hanson, McGinnis, Oliphant, Smith

**Reader:** Sam Reck

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

**Greeters:** Carlson/Gerstner Small Group

**Nursery:** Katie Hudgins\*, Dan Mattson, Sam Reck, Bobbi Marble,  
Aaron Sironi & Kellie Sironi & LeAnn Currington

**King's Cupbearers:** Evelyn & Kathryn Reck, Grace Mattson,  
Grace & LilyAnn 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

September 9, 2018

## 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.

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

For Leaders **Only**

For Leaders & Email Prayer List

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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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, Co-Pastor  
Rolf D. Meintjes, Co-Pastor  
Alfred J. Poirier, Teaching Pastor  
Tami L. Haan, Office Administrator

### Elders

Jeremy Carlson	David Petsch
Steve Hubley	Sam Reck
Jeff Laverman	Frank Schaner
Andrew Marble	Erik Smith

### 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