



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 16, 2018

WORSHIP REFLECTION

It is tragic when people snag their pants on the nail of Rahab's lie, quibble endlessly about the matter, and never get around to hearing Rahab's truth (Joshua 2:8-13), which the writer has conspired to make the centre of the whole narrative.

—Dale Ralph Davis

Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.

—C.S. Lewis

WORSHIP THEME

God Welcomes All Kinds Of People

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 86

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound and all that is in it.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE

SONGS

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

St. Francis of Assisi, 1225

Translated by William H. Draper

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

MIGHTY TO SAVE

By Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations.

Chorus:

*Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in.
Now I surrender.*

Bridge:

Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US—Elder Sam Reck

SCRIPTURE READING: Numbers 13:25-33

²⁵At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. ²⁶And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.²⁹The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.”

³⁰But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” ³¹Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” ³²So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. ³³And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN—

God of Grace, you love us but we have not loved you or others. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. By our actions and attitudes, we look down on others and think more highly of ourselves than we ought. Help us to see our sin where we may be blind to it. Help us to admit our sin, so that by your mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Yet 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. Out 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. Isaiah 53:10-11

OUR RESPONSE

MISSIONS REPORT--Jim Routson

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

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

Michael Perry, 1982

Afro-American Spiritual –Adapted by Harry Burleigh, 1939

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

For God in Christ has made us one from every land and race;
He reconciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.

So brothers, sisters, praise his name who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and shame, from spite and enmity.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
All Christian hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Worship Options Available to Children

- Ages 4 to 7 are invited downstairs for the Training Children to Worship lesson during the sermon.
- Special Children's Bulletins are available on the tables in the back of sanctuary for note-taking. Place finished bulletin in the basket for a chance to make next week's cover!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Our Life For Yours*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Joshua 2

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

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ² And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from." ⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹ and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you." ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." ¹⁴ And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you."

⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶ And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." ¹⁷ The men said to her, "We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear." ¹⁸ Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. ¹⁹ Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰ But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear." ²¹ And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

²² They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. ²³ Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. ²⁴ And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us."

Outline-

I. Protection

II. Profession

III. Pledge

Questions:

1. How does the N.T. describe Rahab? In what way does that inform what should be our focus in regard to Joshua chapter 2? (James 2, Hebrews 11)
2. How does this story of Rahab shape our understanding of God's faithfulness? How does it reinforce our understanding of God's sovereign grace over all things and to all people?
3. "Amazingly, Rahab not only trembles before the terror of the LORD but also senses that there might be mercy in this fearful God. What but the touch of Yahweh's hand could have created such faith in the heart of this pagan harlot?" Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. How does this reassurance of God's overarching sovereign grace encourage you to new obedience in the Christian life? In what areas of your life?

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

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
He's the long expected Prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son God now has spoken:
He's the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, you who hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends in fear his cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

You who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
He's the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

TASTE AND SEE

Psalm 34:8

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 19)

Taste and see the Lord is good.
He will satisfy the soul.
Empty, broken, he will feed,
When we see it's him we need.
This is my theme, this is my song,
To praise the Lord my whole life long.
He took the water of my life,
And turned it into sweetest wine.

Love that will not let me go,
I will rest my soul in you.
Restless, weary, weak and poor,
I give my will and call you, Lord.
Make me your prisoner, then I'll be free,
For you have bought my liberty.
Batter my heart, three-personed God,
You gave your life a ransom for me.

Take all of my busy days.
Take all the longest nights.
Take my hopes and take my dreams,
So that your vision may be mine.
You have not chosen many wise,
You have not chosen many strong.
You take the weakest ones in this world,
That you may show your grace and glory.

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OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

THE LIVING TEMPLE

1 Peter 2:5

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 50)

You are building a living temple,
A temple without walls made of living stones.
And the pieces all fit together
In a beautiful tapestry.

Chorus:

*From all races and from all nations,
Some are rich and some are poor.
We are called, and we've been chosen,
To worship Christ the Lord.

We're a body, alive and breathing,
With many members, yet one Spirit.
Some are hands and some are feet,
Some are eyes, some are ears.*

When one suffers, we all suffer.
If one is honored, we rejoice.
Always looking unto our Savior,
Always seeking unity.*

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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

- Today:* 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching
- 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
6:30 p.m. Youth Group @ Church
- Friday:* 11:15 a.m. Seniors Lunch @ 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)

- Nursery Changes—
Be sure to check the announcements for complete details
- Interested in Membership? More details in the weekly announcements
- Baby Shower for Rebecca Ciesielski, Thursday, September 20, 6:30 PM at the Routson residence (5077 Woodvine Circle)
- 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

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9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Carlson/Gerstner Small Group

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

Reader: Sam Reck

Ushers: Mark Baldwin, Don Russell, Jeff Goudy

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

TCW: Kelly Latham & Grace Skiles, Linda Schicktanz & Laura Meintjes,
Admin: Jill Witt

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching

Worship Leader: Pastor Jason Barrie

Lord's Supper Servers: Houlihan, Hubley, Laverman, Roan, Sholley, Vowell

Reader: Erik Smith

Ushers: Robert Saunders, Doug Iams, Rick Stevens

Greeters: Laverman Small Group

Nursery: Bethany* & Jake Haan, Isaac Goudy, Bobi Charette, Britta Dalbey,
Andrew & Nora Meier

TCW: George & Maddie Fink, Jason Barrie & Jimmie Sue LeDuc
Admin: Christina Kohler

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.

PRAYER REQUEST

September 16, 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.

Your Name _____

For Leaders **Only**

For Leaders & Email Prayer List

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, 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