



Rocky  
Mountain  
Community  
Church, PCA

### *Welcome to Rocky!*

We are a spiritual family whose embrace aims to be as broad as the embrace of Jesus. We are for the flourishing of all people—adults and kids, engineers and artists, homemakers and CEOs, liberals and conservatives, rich and poor, single and married, happy and depressed, curious and committed, those with advanced degrees and those with special needs. In short, if you are a human being and an incomplete work in progress, you will fit in well at Rocky. We don't 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

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

## WORSHIP REFLECTION

*“What if I told you that the reason Jesus spoke so much about eternal fire and brimstone, weeping and gnashing of teeth, and the everlasting miseries of hell is that he loves us? What if even God agonized over the judging attribute of his character—not because it’s a flawed attribute but because the thought of anyone, even his enemies, bearing the necessary burden of his judgment makes him heartsick? What if I told you that God’s compassion is there and available, not only for the victims but also for the perpetrators? (King David, a murderer and a sex offender, is one of the bible’s many examples of this.) What if God’s anger toward human ambivalence, injustice, toxicity, and sin is a sign that he actually loves us?” —Scott Sauls*

## WORSHIP THEME

*The LORD Is Mighty In Battle*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may  
come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may  
come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE  
SONGS

**WHO AMONG THE GODS?**

Exodus 15  
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 10)

Who among the gods is like you, O Lord, O Lord?  
Who among the gods is like you, O Lord, O Lord?  
Who is like you: Majestic in holiness,  
Awesome in glory, working wonders?

The Lord, he is my strength, my song;  
He is my salvation.  
I will praise my father's God;  
I will exalt him.

O magnify the Lord with me;  
He has triumphed gloriously.  
He shatters all his enemies;  
A mighty warrior is he.  
O mighty God! (*repeat*)

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## KING OF LOVE

The King of Love my Shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever  
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth

### \*Chorus

Never failing Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low  
The King of Love my Shepherd is  
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish off I strayed  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill  
With Thee dear Lord beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still  
Thy cross before to guide me \*

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never  
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise  
Within Your house forever  
Within Your house forever

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Adam Palmer | Jonathan Smith | Matthew Hein | Stephanie Kulla

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 3:10-14

<sup>10</sup>For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” <sup>11</sup>Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” <sup>12</sup>But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” <sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— <sup>14</sup>so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

## OUR RESPONSE

### CONFESSION OF SIN—

Lord Jesus, thank you that you are the King who rules in truth and grace. We praise you, O Christ, that you are a divine warrior mighty in battle. Remind us of our need for your strength in the fight against the flesh, the world, and the devil. Forgive us of the times when we have wandered from you, sought our own desires, and failed to fight. Forgive us of our sins, and lead on, O King eternal! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### *PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS*

*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:3*



## OUR RESPONSE

DIACONAL REPORT—Greg Oliphant, CLDI

## 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

### A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Based on Psalm 46  
Martin Luther, 1529

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side,  
The man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

#### 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: *The LORD Your God Will Give It*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Joshua 8

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

8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear and do not be dismayed. Take all the fighting men with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, his city, and his land. <sup>2</sup>And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king. Only its spoil and its livestock you shall take as plunder for yourselves. Lay an ambush against the city, behind it."

<sup>3</sup> So Joshua and all the fighting men arose to go up to Ai. And Joshua chose 30,000 mighty men of valor and sent them out by night. <sup>4</sup> And he commanded them, "Behold, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you remain ready. <sup>5</sup> And I and all the people who are with me will approach the city. And when they come out against us just as before, we shall flee before them. <sup>6</sup> And they will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city. For they will say, 'They are fleeing from us, just as before.' So we will flee before them. <sup>7</sup> Then you shall rise up from the ambush and seize the city, for the LORD your God will give it into your hand. <sup>8</sup> And as soon as you have taken the city, you shall set the city on fire. You shall do according to the word of the LORD. See, I have commanded you." <sup>9</sup> So Joshua sent them out. And they went to the place of ambush and lay between Bethel and Ai, to the west of Ai, but Joshua spent that night among the people.

<sup>15</sup> And Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten before them and fled in the direction of the wilderness. <sup>16</sup> So all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them, and as they pursued Joshua they were drawn away from the city. <sup>17</sup> Not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. They left the city open and pursued Israel.

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand.” And Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city. <sup>19</sup>And the men in the ambush rose quickly out of their place, and as soon as he had stretched out his hand, they ran and entered the city and captured it. And they hurried to set the city on fire. <sup>20</sup>So when the men of Ai looked back, behold, the smoke of the city went up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that, for the people who fled to the wilderness turned back against the pursuers. And Israel struck them down, until there was left none that survived or escaped. <sup>23</sup>But the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him near to Joshua.

<sup>24</sup>When Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the open wilderness where they pursued them, and all of them to the very last had fallen by the edge of the sword, all Israel returned to Ai and struck it down with the edge of the sword. <sup>25</sup>And all who fell that day, both men and women, were 12,000, all the people of Ai. <sup>26</sup>But Joshua did not draw back his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had devoted all the inhabitants of Ai to destruction. <sup>27</sup>Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as their plunder, according to the word of the LORD that he commanded Joshua. <sup>28</sup>So Joshua burned Ai and made it forever a heap of ruins, as it is to this day. <sup>29</sup>And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening. And at sunset Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree and threw it at the entrance of the gate of the city and raised over it a great heap of stones, which stands there to this day.

<sup>30</sup>At that time Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, <sup>31</sup>just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, “an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool.” And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings. <sup>32</sup>And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. <sup>33</sup>And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel. <sup>34</sup>And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. <sup>35</sup>There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them.

Outline—

## I. The LORD Speaks

## II. The People Respond

Questions—

1. After the initial defeat to Ai, the Lord's command is particularly pertinent. "Do not fear, and do not be dismayed." How does this passage, especially in light of Christ, shape our moments of being fearful and frazzled?
2. Read Deuteronomy 21:22-23 and Galatians 3:13-14. How does this dictum of "cursed is anyone hanging on a tree" relate to the death of Christ and shape our appreciation of the gospel?
3. Joshua 8:30-35 teaches us that heeding God's word is more crucial than fighting God's war. Where are you struggling to maintain that perspective? Where do you find yourself doing "ministry" in your own strength?
4. How does the defeat of Ai, as it points us to Jesus, shape your Christian 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

**SEARCH ME, O GOD**

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 70)

(PSALM 139)

O Lord, you have searched me, you have known my heart.  
When I sit, when I rise, you know all my thoughts.  
My going out, my lying down, before a word is on my tongue,  
you know exactly what I'll say, you know all my ways.

*Chorus:*

\*Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up into the heavens, you are there.  
And if I fly on wings of morning to the far ends of the earth,  
even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast, will hold me fast.

If I say the darkness hides me and the light becomes the night,  
to you the night will shine as brightly as the day.  
O God how precious are your thoughts, how vast is the sum!  
For all your works are wonderful, I know that full well.\*

You knit me together inside my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am wonderfully made.  
You saw my unformed body; it's not hidden from you.  
All the days ordained for me are written in your book.\*

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

**GIVE ME JESUS**

Traditional African-American  
Arrangement by Trudy Poirier  
1 Peter 1:8-9  
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 15)

In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
Give me Jesus.

*Chorus:*

\*Give me Jesus,  
Give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world,  
But give me Jesus.

And when I am alone,  
And when I am alone,  
And when I am alone,  
Give me Jesus.\*

And when I come to die,  
And when I come to die,  
And when I come to die,  
Give me Jesus.\*

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## OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

### JUDE BENEDICTION

Now unto him who is able  
To keep us from falling—  
And to present us before  
His presence with singing—  
Be honor and glory,  
Both now and forever,  
Forever and ever, Amen.

Behold, bless ye the Lord (*echo*)  
All ye children of the Lord (*echo*)  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary  
And bless, bless ye the Lord.

## 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  
11:40 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
3:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 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. Dinner & Youth Group @ Church
- Next Sunday:* 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching  
11:40 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
3:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal @ Church

### KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

For complete information see announcements

(Hard copies on Information Counter and on our website at [www.rmccmontana.org](http://www.rmccmontana.org))

- **Adult & Children’s Christmas Choir Rehearsals Begin TODAY!**
- **New Information Counter—located just outside the office by the elevator**
- **November Calendars are available on the information counter—Please help yourself to one**

[www.rmccmontana.org](http://www.rmccmontana.org)

406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

## TODAY AT RMCC

**Greeters:** Goudy Small Group

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Wesley Holmes

**Reader:** Andrew Marble

**Lord's Supper Servers:** Carlson, Goudy, Hanson, Houlihan, Oliphant, Petsch

**Ushers:** Robert Saunders, Doug Iams, Rick Stevens

**Nursery:** Infants: Sedley Marble\*, Barb Sholley, Julia Holmes, Natalie Saur  
2's & 3's: Andrew Marble\*, Breanna Ackerman, Denise Oliphant

**TCW:** John & Nila Compton, Judy TenHarmsel & Becky Jeter  
Admin: Jill Witt

**King's Cupbearers:** Elijah, Luke & Isaac Gerstner, Nathan Paterson,  
Noah Felchle

## 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:** Hubley, Laverman, Marble, Roan, Sholley, Vowell

**Reader:** Sam Reck

**Ushers:** Bob Schicktanz, Bill Blewett, Jim George

**Greeters:** Reck Small Group

**Nursery:** Infants: Jen\* & Steve Paterson, Kerry Lou Smith, Bobbi Marble  
2's & 3's: Erik Smith\*, Sam Reck, Linda Schicktanz

**TCW:** Wes Holmes & Jaimee Erickson, Kelly Latham & Grace Skiles  
Admin: Susan Cuthill

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

*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

November 4, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 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