

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 18, 2018

WORSHIP REFLECTION

"The valor of the godly rests on the word of God, and proceeds from true faith."
—John Calvin

WORSHIP THEME

The Lord Leads In Battle

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 23

1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School Class (Teachers: Barb Sholley & Becky Jeter)

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE SONGS

A NEW SONG

Psalm 98

O, sing to the Lord a new song
For he has done wonderful things.
His right hand, his holy arm
Have gained the victory.*

Chorus:

*With the lyre and the sound of melody, With trumpets and sounds of horns Shout joyfully before the King, the Lord, O, the Lord of the earth.

Let the rivers clap their hands,
The mountains sing for joy,
For the Lord is coming
To judge the earth in righteousness.*

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US—Elder Erik Smith

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 2 (NIV)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? ²The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, ³ "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. ⁵He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, ⁶ "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain." I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. ⁸ Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. ¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

CONFESSION OF SIN—

Lord Jesus, thank you that you are the King who rules in truth and grace. We confess with our lips the blessedness of your rule over every area of life. However, our actions proclaim a different story. With our mouths, we sing the wonders of your love, but in our actions we serve a different king. Forgive us for not delighting in or submitting to you as the King of Kings. You are the First and the Last, the Lord of all nations, worthy of the praises of all people. We pray this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

MISSIONS REPORT—Pastor Jason Barrie—MT Church Planting

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

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

Philippians 2:9-11 (Pear Tree Hymnal page 47)

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, Ev'ry tongue confess him: King of glory now. 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, Who from the beginning was the mighty Word. Alleluía, alleluía, alleluía!

Humbled for a season to receive a name From the lips of sinners unto whom he came; Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, Brought it back victorious when from death he passed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue All that is not holy, all that is not true:

Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;

Let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again With his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; For all earthly powers meet upon his brow, And our hearts confess him: King of glory now! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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: Faith That Fights SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes SERMON SCRIPTURE: Joshua 10

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

As soon as Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, heard how Joshua had captured Ai and had devoted it to destruction, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, ²he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were warriors. ³So Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, ⁴ "Come up to me and help me, and let us strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel." ⁵Then the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped against Gibeon and made war against it.

⁶ And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, "Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us." ⁷ So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. ⁸ And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you." ⁹ So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. ¹⁰ And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. ¹¹ And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

¹²At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

"Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." ¹³ And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. ¹⁴ There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel. ¹⁵ So Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

¹⁶These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. ¹⁷And it was told to Joshua, "The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah." ¹⁸And Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them, ¹⁹but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand." ²⁰When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, ²¹then all the people returned safe to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel.

²²Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave." ²³And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. ²⁴And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings." Then they came near and put their feet on their necks. ²⁵And Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." ²⁶And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening. ²⁷But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.

²⁸ As for Makkedah, Joshua captured it on that day and struck it, and its king, with the edge of the sword. He devoted to destruction every person in it; he left none remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

Outline—

I. Battle Lines Drawn

II. The Fight Goes On

III. The Lord Brings Victory

Questions—

- Read Joshua 10:8. How does this verse shape our understanding of faith in action?
- 2. What are the key distinctions in seeing the difference between Israel's enemies in Joshua's day versus our enemies today?
- 3. Who are our enemies according to Scripture and how does that shape the type of battle we find ourselves in?
- 4. How has the victory been secured? Has your appreciation of the gospel grown as you consider how *Jesus battled and fought for your salvation on the cross?*
- 5. If the victory is secure, why doesn't it feel like it? When will the fighting finally be done—and how should that encourage you to continue to "fight the good fight of faith"?

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q&A 26

- Q. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?
- A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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

AGNUS DEI

Isaiah 53:10

He was wounded for our transgressions.

He was bruised for our iniquities.

Like a lamb that was led to the slaughter,

He took the punishment that brought us peace.*

*Chorus

And the Lord was pleased to crush him
And make his life a sacrifice.
Agnus Dei, (Lamb of God,)
Agnus Dei, (Lamb of God,)
The Savior of the world, the Lamb of God.

Man of sorrows and man of suffering, So despised, and we esteemed him not. Like one from whom men hide their faces, We turned away like sheep who've gone astray.*

Agnus Dei: Latin for "Lamb of God" and is pronounced "ahg-noos day-ee"

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PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

CLOSING SONG

TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE

By Debbye Graafsma

To him who sits on the throne
And unto the Lamb,
To him who sits on the throne
And unto the Lamb
Be blessing and honor
And glory and power forever,
Be blessing and honor
And glory and power forever.

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 5:00 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

NO Youth Group

Thursday-Friday: Thanksgiving Holiday—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday: NO Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service—

Pastor Jason Barrie preaching

11:40 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:00 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)

- Prepare to share at our Thanksgiving Worship Service next Sunday, November 25th!
- Angel Tree Is Up In The Foyer—More information in the announcements
- December Senior Lunch is Friday, December 7th—See announcements for complete details

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

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: York/Mattson Small Group Worship Leader: Pastor Wes Holmes

Reader: Erik Smith

Lord's Supper Servers: Cryder, Goudy, McGinnis, Nelstead, Petsch, Reck

Ushers: Clark Vowell, Shawn Reinhart, Jerry Elliott

Nursery: Infants: Rachel Kincaid*, Julia Holmes, Kendall Barrie, Linda Henderson

2's & 3's: Nancy VanMaren*, George Fink, Skyler Kincaid

TCW: Katie Hudgins & Molly Friesen, Steve & Peggy Hubley

Admin: Linda Henderson

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

Grace & LilyAnn McGinnis

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE —Pastor Jason Barrie preaching 10:00 AM

Worship Leader: Pastor Wes Holmes

Lord's Supper Servers: Hanson, Houlihan, Oliphant, Roan, Sholley, Smith

Reader: Jeremy Carlson

Ushers: Lewis Vowell, John Compton, Rick Friesen

Greeters: Jr. High Youth

Nursery: Infants: Tasha Houlihan*, Becky & Sally Jeter, Brianna Brindle

2's & 3's: Rob Charette*, Gavin Morgan, Christina Kohler

NO TCW

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

November 18, 2018

PRAYER NEEDS Your Name If you would like someone to pray for or with you, please ☐ For Leaders Only consider the following: ☐ For Leaders & Email Prayer List Share your request with your Small Group. If you are not currently in one, we urge you to consider joining (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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

☐ I'd like you to pray for me. (Over)

LET US SERVE YOU

Pastoral Staff Name____ Jason W. Barrie, Co-Pastor Address Rolf D. Meintjes, Co-Pastor Alfred J. Poirier, Teaching Pastor State Tami L. Haan, Office Administrator Home ♯ Work # Cell# E-mail Address **Elders** Jeremy Carlson David Petsch ☐ Add me to the address/phone directory Steve Hubley Sam Reck ☐ Check if new address or phone Jeff Laverman Frank Schaner ☐ Add me to the E-mail announcement list Andrew Marble Erik Smith Attending Today: __Adults__Children □ Member ☐ First Time Visitor □ Guest Deacons □ Visit Frequently Fred Barthel Jon Sholley □ Regularly Attend Gary Brook Steve Skiles How did you hear about RMCC? Jeff Goudy Andrew Strong Greg Oliphant Lewis Vowell ☐ Friend/Relative Dave Roan ☐ Special Events □ Pilgrim Radio □ Mailing □ Other Specific Requests. Missions Supported by RMCC ☐ Send me more information about Great Plains Gathering Bangladesh RMCC. Northern Mexico Montana Church Planting ☐ I'd like to learn more about Jesus; I'd Global Missions International Peacemaking 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.