



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

DECEMBER 30, 2018

WORSHIP REFLECTION

“Grace is but glory begun and glory is but grace perfected.”
—Jonathan Edwards

WORSHIP THEME

God Saves By Grace

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 68

Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds—his name is the Lord—and rejoice before him.

When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even the rebellious—that you, O Lord, might dwell there.

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.

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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OUR GREAT GOD

By Fernando Ortega

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone. *

Chorus:

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
(Repeat chorus twice at the end)

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless Enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.*

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the Living God who rules them by His Word.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US—Elder Andrew Marble

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN—

O most great, most just and gracious God, You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in Him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected your holy worship. We have not sought Your Kingdom first. You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in Him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope. Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

OUR RESPONSE

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

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

By Steve & Vikki Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
And hung him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by his grace,
My feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving-kindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when he calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Covenant Of Grace With Abram*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15

SERMON SERIES: The Main Thing—Real Life Gospel

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

⁷ He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

⁸ But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

⁹ So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³ Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates— ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, ²⁰ Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, ²¹ Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.”

Outline—

I. Author of the Covenant

II. Believer in the Covenant

III. Conditions of the Covenant

Questions—

1. What is significant about a covenant? Moreover, what is significant about a covenant of grace?
2. Genesis 15:6 is an important verse in Scripture. It teaches that faith precedes being declared righteous by God (justified). Why is Abram's faith so peculiar and striking?
3. A smoking pot passing between dead carcasses does not initially offer encouragement. How does that scene shape our understanding of the gospel and point us to Christ?
4. Finally, how does this gospel of grace turn life upside down in a good way? Where in your life have you lost sight of God's promised grace to you?

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

21 Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is
not only a knowledge and conviction
that everything God reveals in his Word is true;
It is also a deep-rooted assurance,
created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,
that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,
not only others, but I too,
have had my sins forgiven,
have been made forever right with God,
and have been granted salvation.

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

Behold The Lamb—Andrew & Jennie Strong

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

GLORIOUS AND MIGHTY

By: Joel Sczebel, Todd Twinin and Bob Kauflin

Majesty,
Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars.
Marvelling,
We honor and fear you above all gods.

Chorus:

*Glorious and mighty,
You're awesome in beauty,
Joyful songs we raise.
Glorious and mighty,
You're awesome in beauty,
Greatly to be praised.

Majesty,
You fashioned the heavens,
Your decrees can never be changed.
Over all
The plans of the nations your judgments reign.*

Majesty,
We'll sing with creation
When you come again in the clouds.
Every knee
Will bow down and worship the one true God.*

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:* NO Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching
- Monday:* *New Year's Eve*
- Tuesday:* *New Year's Day*—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Wednesday:* NO Youth Group
- Next Sunday:* NO Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Jason Barrie preaching

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

For complete information see announcements

(Hard copies on Information Counter and on our website at www.rmccmontana.org)

- Interested in a Women's Group? Please contact Jessica Roan or Kristin Barrie
- Year-End Giving Information—Details in announcements
- RMCC is moving to a new online giving donation system
- Latest GPG Updates are available on the information counter

www.rmccmontana.org

406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: McGinnis Small Group

Worship Leader: Pastor Jason Barrie

Reader: Andrew Marble

Lord's Supper Servers: Petsch, Reck, Roan, Sholley, Smith, Vowell

Ushers: Clark Vowell, Shawn Reinhart, Jerry Elliott

Nursery: Infants: Julie McGinnis*, Bo & Chanteal Stapler
2's & 3's: Joe McGinnis*, Grace Skiles

NO TCW

King's Cupbearers: Abigail, Bethany & Charity Strong, Margaret & Will Jeter,
Kennedy, Noah & Haddie Kincaid, Boaz & Elijah Kohler

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Worship Leader: Pastor Wes Holmes

Lord's Supper Servers: Carlson, Cryder, Goudy, Hanson, Houlihan, Reck

Reader: Sam Reck

Ushers: Lewis Vowell, John Compton, Rick Friesen

Greeters: Kindsfater Small Group

Nursery: Infants: Rachel Kincaid*, LeAnn Currington, Julie Dasinger, Kellie Sironi
2's & 3's: Skyler Kincaid*, Aaron Sironi, Jimmie Sue LeDuc

NO TCW

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

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

December 30, 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