



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

JANUARY 20, 2019

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

WORSHIP REFLECTION

"To be angry is to revenge the faults of others on ourselves."

— Alexander Pope (1688-1744)

WORSHIP THEME

God Loves The Lost

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Ephesians 1

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us in all wisdom and insight.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE
SONGS

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Written by Robert Robinson, 1758

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;*
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

THE KING OF LOVE

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never:
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
A ransomed soul, He leads me;
And where the fertile pastures grow,
With food from heaven feeds me.

Perverse and foolish I have strayed,
But in His love He sought me;
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.

You spread a banquet in my sight
Of love beyond all knowing;
And O the gladness and delight
From Your pure chalice flowing!

And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house for ever!

GOD SPEAKS TO US—Elder Jeremy Carlson

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN—

O God of lavish grace, we confess that we often take your grace for granted. We know we have nothing to fear in life or in death, yet we do fear. You have told us to rest from our own striving, yet we often rely on our own strength and find ourselves consumed with anxiety and deeply shaken by this world and our own weaknesses. Father, forgive us for our unbelief and pride, which cause us repeatedly to doubt your love, your word, and your power to hold onto us and work all things together for our good. In Christ's name we pray—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

DIACONAL REPORT—Lewis Vowell--LaVie

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Words by Thomas O. Chisholm 1923, Music by William N. Runyan, 1923

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

*Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

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 Lost Son*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:11-32

SERMON SERIES: The Main Thing—Real Life Gospel

¹¹ And he said, There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!’ ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’

Outline—

I. Younger Brother

II. Older Brother

III. Our Loving Father

Questions—

1. “There is no evil that the Father’s love cannot pardon and cover, there is no sin that is a match for his grace.” How can this be seen in the parable, in other Bible stories, or in your own experience?
2. The younger brother believes he is no longer worthy to be called his father’s son. What does that tell us about his view of what it takes to be loved and accepted? Is this view prevalent today?
3. If God’s grace is absolutely free and we cannot earn it or merit it in any way, what motivation is there to live an obedient life?
4. “You can rebel against God and be alienated from him either by breaking his rules or by keeping all of them diligently.” Explain this statement, using examples if possible.
5. How do people seek to control God through their obedience?
6. How are the elder and younger brother different? How are they alike?

**Elder brother characteristics*

**Younger brother characteristics*

7. Where does the elder brother find his significance and happiness? Where do we tend to look for our significance and happiness? Be specific.
8. Do you agree or disagree that being an elder brother is a more spiritually desperate condition than being a younger brother? Why?
9. If you asked the average person on the street to define the word “sin,” what would they say? How does Jesus challenge this definition in the parable?

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

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

Romans 5:8

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 4)

My faith has found a resting place;
From guilt my soul is freed.
I trust the ever living One;
His wounds for me shall plead.

Chorus:

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea.
It is enough that Jesus died
And that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves;
This ends my fears and doubt.
A sinful soul I come to him,
He'll never cast me out.*

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's name;
Salvation through his blood.*

Not what my feeble hands have done
Can save my guilty soul.
Not what I feel or do or say
Could ever make me whole.*

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PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

AMAZING LOVE

Charles Wesley and Trudy Poirier
Romans 5:8

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who caused his bitter death?
Amazing Love! How can it be
That you, my God, would die for me?
That you, my God, would die for me?

He left his Father's throne above—
So free, so infinite his grace!—
Emptied himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
What mercy this, immense and free,
For O, my God, it found out me;
For O, my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Your eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, your voice I knew;
I rose, went forth, and followed you.
I rose, went forth, and followed you.

No condemnation now I dread,
For Christ and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ, my own,
And claim the crown through Christ, my own.*

**Coda*

Amazing love! How can it be,
That you, my God, would die for me;
That you, my God, would die for me?

OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

ROMANS DOXOLOGY

Romans 11:36

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 65)

(Men begin, women echo.)

For from him, (for from him)
And through him, (and through him)
And to him, (and to him)
Are all things. (are all things)
(repeat)

To him be the glory (to him be the glory)
Forever and ever (forever and ever)
To him be the glory (to him be the glory)
Forever and ever (forever and ever)
Amen, (Amen)
Amen, (Amen)
Amen, (Amen)
Amen, (Amen)
Amen.

Trudy E. Poirier

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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

Monday-Friday: WCPN Retreat & Presbytery in Colorado

Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
4:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study @ Church

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group @ Church
9:00 p.m. Men's Basketball Game @ Ben Steele

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Wesley Holmes preaching
4:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting @ Church

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

For complete information see announcements

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

- Annual Congregational Meeting—Next Sunday, January 27th at 4 PM
- Interested in Foreign Missions? See announcements for more details
- Sign up for Dinner For Eight for this spring—More details in announcements
- RMCC Men's Basketball Game Schedule—See announcements
- Drama Opportunity—Details in announcements

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9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Laverman Small Group

Worship Leader: Pastor Jason Barrie

Reader: Jeremy Carlson

Lord's Supper Servers: Cryder, Goudy, Nelstead, Petsch, Roan, Vowell

Ushers: Mark Baldwin, Jeff Goudy, Don Russell

Nursery: Infants: Jen* & Steve Paterson, Amy & Julie Procv
2's & 3's: Rob Charette*, John & Nila Compton

TCW: Andrew & Nora Meier, Steve & Peggy Hubley
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 —Pastor Wesley Holmes preaching

10:00 AM

Worship Leader: Pastor Jason Barrie

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

Reader: Andrew Marble

Ushers: Robert Saunders, Doug Iams, Rick Stevens, Kirby Dasinger

Greeters: Schaner Small Group

Nursery: Infants: Jess Felchle*, Bo & Chanteal Stapler, Kerry Lou Smith
2's & 3's: Erik Smith*, Breanna Ackerman, Emily Skiles

TCW: Greg & Denise Oliphant, David Petsch & LeAnn Currington
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

January 20, 2019

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