



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

MAY 19, 2019

WORSHIP REFLECTION

“To be human is no longer equivalent to being a person. Human life has been reduced to raw material with no intrinsic purpose or dignity, subject to whatever purposes we choose to impose.”

—Nancy Pearcey, *Love Thy Body*

“If being an image bearer [of God] entails the highest possible created dignity, then the virgin conception of the Lord Jesus Christ indicates that the image of God exists even in embryonic human life, and thus that human life even from its earliest days is due the most profound respect.”

—David VanDrunen, *Bioethics and the Christian Life*

WORSHIP THEME

Our God, The Lord Of Life

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP— Psalm 84:1-5

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars,

O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the
highways to Zion.

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!

BETTER IS ONE DAY

Psalm 84
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 52)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O great and mighty God.
My soul is yearning, even faints
To be within your house.

Chorus:

*Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day.
Better is one day in your house,
Than thousands elsewhere,
Than thousands elsewhere.

Even the sparrow finds a home
Where she may have her young.
The safest place is where you are,
My King and my God.*

The Lord God is a sun and shield,
He gives every good thing.
Favor and honor he bestows
On those who love his ways.*

One day is better in your courts
Than many days elsewhere.
To keep the doors within your house
Than with the wicked dwell.*

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:21-26

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN—

Holy God, forgive us for the countless ways in which we have not loved others. Some of us are very obviously unloving: we are inconsiderate of others' time and rude to those who are not as smart or "holy" as we are. We ignore those whom we do not like and choose to maintain casual relationships so that we do not have to be uncomfortably aware of other people. Others of us are quite good at faking love: we wear ourselves thin with acts of kindness and words of counsel when primarily we are the ones desiring to be loved. We pretend to listen while we are inwardly condemning others for not being as insightful or mature as we are. Merciful Jesus, you became a sinless, perfect man to bear our great lack of love. What wondrous love is this, that you would die in our place! Forgive us, we pray, according to your steadfast and sacrificial love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

HEAR the Promises of GOD to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

¹⁴*For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;*¹⁵ *and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.* 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

OUR RESPONSE

MISSIONS REPORT—Pastor Rolf Meintjes—Bangladesh Vision Trip

2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—Kendall Barrie, Maddie Fink, Theresa Goudy,
Ian Habener, Henry Jeter, and Emma Putnam

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

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.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Life In Christ*

SPEAKER: Pastor Wesley Holmes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:22-31

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Outline—

1. God the Creator

2. Man the Creature

3. Jesus the Savior

Questions--

1. *What is the difference between knowing **of** God and knowing God? How do we move toward actually knowing Him?*
2. *How does knowing God as the Creator (and yourself as a creature) impact the way you look at the world around you? How does it influence the way you live?*
3. *What does it mean to be made in God's image? How does it relate to human dignity and the issue of abortion?*
4. *How has sin distorted God's image in us? How have you believed the lie that you can be "god"? In what ways has that led you to be a life-taker?*
5. *Jesus not only gives us temporal life in this world, He gives us eternal life by His life, death, and resurrection. How does knowing Him and His grace shape you into a life-giver? What are some ways you can practically reflect the image of the Lord of Life?*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

[Gluten-free bread in white cups; grape juice in center ring purple cups—wine in outer rings]

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

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

GOD AND MAN AT TABLE ARE SAT DOWN

By Robert Stamps

Oh, welcome, all you noble saints of old,
As now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold.

Chorus:

*God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.

Elders, martyrs, all are falling down;
Prophets, patriarchs are gathering 'round,
What angels longed to see now we have found.*

Who is this who spreads the victory feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, risen Savior, Prince of Peace.*

Beggars, lame, and harlots also here,
Repentant publicans are drawing near,
Wayward ones come home without a fear.*

Worship in the presence of the Lord
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord,
And let our host at table be adored.*

When at last this earth shall pass away,
When Jesus and his bride are one to stay,
The feast of love is just begun that day.*

OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

LAW GOSPEL DOXOLOGY

Zac Hicks & Julie Anne Vargas

God's perfect law exposes me.
I feel my sin and desp'rate need.
My best good works are powerless,
To satisfy his righteousness.

But Christ has lived and died for me:
His life my only victory.
His death forever sealed in time,
That I am his and he is mine.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

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:* 10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Wesley Holmes preaching
Graduation Sunday
6:00 p.m. Bangladesh Vision Trip Report Night @ Church
- Monday:* 6:30 p.m. RMCC Co-ed Softball Game @ Field 3
9:00 p.m. RMCC Men's Softball Game @ Field 4
- 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 (last meeting till fall) @ Church
- Next Sunday:* 10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

For complete information see announcements

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

- Vacation Bible School—Monday-Thursday, July 15-18
- Congrats to Rev. Rob Wootton (Billings Church Planter)
- Save The Dates!—Events listed in announcements
- RMCC Softball Men's & Co-ed Game Schedule
- GPG Updates

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9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Schaner Small Group

Worship Leader: Pastor Jason Barrie

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

Ushers: Greg Oliphant, Frank Witt, Ernie Jennings

Nursery: Infants: Jessica Roan*, Chanteal Stapler, Nancy VanMaren,
Linda Schicktanz

2's & 3's: Bo Stapler*, John & Nila Compton

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

WORSHIP SERVICE—Pastor Rolf Meintjes

10:00 AM

Worship Leader: Pastor Wesley Holmes

Lord's Supper Servers: Marble, Nelstead, Oliphant, Petsch, Roan, Sholley

Reader: Sam Reck

Ushers: Mark Baldwin, Jeff Goudy, Don Russell

Greeters: Jr. High Youth

Nursery: Infants: Rachel Kincaid*, Olivia Holden, Jaimee Erickson,
Christina Kohler

2's & 3's: Skyler Kincaid*, Ben Holden, Sandi Gilreath

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

May 19, 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

Our leaders will pray for your request this week.

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