



KINGDOM COME
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Glorifying God by making disciples who love Christ, his Church, and all people.

Welcome!

VISITOR INFORMATION

During parts of our service, the congregation is asked to stand (indicated by a * in the bulletin). We understand that some are not able to stand for various reasons, please feel free to remain seated.

Please fill out a contact card with your contact information and/or prayer requests. Place the card in the offering bag or give it to one of the ushers. If you have an urgent prayer request, you can email it to admin@rmpca.org.

We love children and believe that God calls us to help them grow in the faith. Children's activity bags are available at the back of the sanctuary, along with a Cry Room. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service.

NURSERY: downstairs is a nursery available during the entire worship service for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old.

TRAINING CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP: children ages 3-5 may go downstairs to learn about the various parts of Sunday morning worship in a fun and age-appropriate context.

Rocky Mountain Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Worship Leader: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

People: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre.

Worship Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute.

People: Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Worship Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord.

Psalm 150

* **My Raptured Soul**

Lyrics by John Berridge, 1716-1793.

Music by Clint Wells, 2005.

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1. If Jesus kindly say,
And with a whispering word,
“Arise my love and come away,”
I run to meet my Lord.

2. My soul is in my ears;
My heart is all on flame;
My eyes are sweetly drowned in tears,
And melted is my frame.

CHORUS

**My raptured soul will rise up,
And give a cheerful spring,
And dart through all the lofty skies,
To visit Zion’s King;
To visit Zion’s King.**

* **Lead On O Eternal King**

Lyrics by Ernest Shurtleff (alt. Jeff Pardo).

Music by Jeff Pardo.

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1. Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest,
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation,
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper,
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords’ loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

3. He meets me with a kiss,
And with a smiling face;
I taste the dear, enchanting bliss,
And wonder at his grace.

CHORUS

4. A soft and tender sigh,
Now heaves my hollowed breast;
I long to lay me down and die,
And find eternal rest.

CHORUS

CHORUS

**Lead on, O King;
Lead on, O King;
Lead on, O King, Lead on.**

3. Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where’er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

CHORUS (x2)

* **Confession of Sin**

Worship Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Worship Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

People: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Worship Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

People: But I treat your name lightly, and do not bring honor to you.

Worship Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

People: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures, with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Worship Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Worship Leader: You shall not murder.

People: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Worship Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: But my thought life is often x-rated, and my heart is filled with lust.

Worship Leader: You shall not steal.

People: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Worship Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: But I often speak against my neighbors, and run them down to others.

Worship Leader: You shall not covet.

People: But I desire and chase after far more than I need, and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful desires and actions through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted from the Ten Commandments

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of your trespasses, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:17-18

*** Love Dissolves My Frozen Heart**

Lyrics by Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855.

Chorus and music by Brian T. Murphy.

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1. Lord, dissolve my frozen heart,
By the beams of love divine;
This alone can warmth impart,
To dissolve a heart like mine.

2. O that love, how vast it is!
Vast it seems, though known in part;
Strange indeed, if love like this,
Should not melt the frozen heart.

CHORUS

The love of Christ passes knowledge.

The love of Christ eases fear.

The love of Christ hits a man's heart;

It pierces him like a spear.

3. Savior, let thy love be felt,
Let its power be felt by me,
Then my frozen heart shall melt,
Melt in love, O Lord to thee.

CHORUS

Offering

If you wish to use the childcare downstairs at this time, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers, and a preschool class for 3-5 year olds.

Offering Song

Amazing Grace

Lyrics by John Newton.

Music: American folk tune.

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

5. When we've been there
Ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

*** Doxology**

Music and lyrics by Charles Meineke, 1844.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Offering Prayer**

Announcements

Ministry Spotlight: Missions Sunday

The Prodigal Returns

Luke 15:11-24

Kingdom Come: The Gospel According to Luke

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable...

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.

Sermon Outline

Main Idea: Our heavenly Father will always accept his lost children.

I. Disowning Our Father

II. Returning to Our Father

III. Accepted by Our Father

* **All I Have Is Christ**

Music and lyrics by Jordan Kaufflin.
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1. I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will,
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still.

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed;
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace.

CHORUS

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.**

3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose,
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You.

CHORUS

The Lord's Supper

Minister: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come buy and eat!

People: Let us come, and buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Minister: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

People: Let us listen diligently, and eat what is good, and delight ourselves in rich food.

Minister: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Isaiah 55:1-3

All who trust Christ for salvation and desire to live for him are invited to participate. If that doesn't describe you, feel free to sit and reflect on what God may be saying to you through His Word.

Pastoral Prayer

* **How Great Thou Art**

Lyrics by Carl G. Bobert. Music by Stuart K. Hine.

1. 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 power throughout the universe displayed:

REFRAIN

**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!**

2. When through 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:

REFRAIN

3. 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.

REFRAIN

4. 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!"

REFRAIN

* **Benediction**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN SING

Join us on **Sunday, January 19** at 6:00pm for an evening of fellowship as we sing some of our favorite hymns. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary to request a song, or to volunteer to lead us in singing one. If you have any questions, please email admin@rmpca.org.

NEWCOMER'S LUNCH

If you're new to RMPCC, please join us on **Sunday, January 19**, immediately after worship to enjoy a meal with Pastor Shane and learn about the church: its history, mission, values, and ministry. Please sign up at the table beneath the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary, or email admin@rmpca.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 26**, immediately after worship to elect new deacons and deaconesses. All members in good standing may vote.

COMMUNICANTS CLASS

Beginning on Sunday, January 26, Tim Van Lant will lead a communicants class for all children who are interested. The class will take place before worship on the following four Sundays — Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 16, and Feb. 23. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary if you're interested. If you have any questions, please email Tim at ptvanlant@msn.com.

MISSIONS SUNDAY

Please join us on **Sunday, February 9**, for Missions Sunday. You'll hear from our missionary partners from the Centro Para La Plantacion de Iglesias, a church-planting movement based in Monterrey, Mexico. Our missionary partners will teach two discipleship classes before worship, and there will also be a potluck after worship, followed by a presentation about this ministry. Childcare will be available for children in 1st grade and below. This event will also feature a missions-themed worship service, and preaching from one of the missionaries.

DENVER RESCUE MISSION MEAL SERVICE

Join us to serve breakfast and dinner at the Denver Rescue Mission on **Saturday, Feb. 8**. Volunteers must be at least 10 years old. We need 6 volunteers to help serve breakfast and 5 volunteers to help serve dinner. If you'd like to sign up, or would like more information, please write your contact information on the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, or email Chris Weniger (admin@rmpca.org).
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COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Read Luke 15:11-24, and discuss the following questions.

1. Do you know anyone who is living as a lost son in a distant country right now? What will you pray? What might you do?
2. Have you ever had a period of life where you lived this way? What was it like? How is the younger son's material poverty similar to the spiritual poverty of being separated from God?
3. Read vv. 17-19. How are these verses a perfect picture of repentance? What words would you use to express similar thoughts to your Heavenly Father?
4. The son hopes his father will treat him as a servant, but instead the father restores his status as a son. How has God's acceptance of you completely surpassed your expectations? In what ways does his grace continue to surprise you?
5. The celebrating and feasting in vv. 23-24 contrast with the poverty and hunger of vv. 14-16. Describe how life with your heavenly Father is far superior to what the world offers.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

From December 2019 through December 2019

Budget: \$27,946
Giving: \$29,103
Difference: + \$1,157

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Ephesians 5:24-25

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS — Western Church Planting Network

Please pray that God would continue to provide WCPN with the funds it needs to support church plants and church planters. Please pray that God would continue to raise up church planters and equip those who are currently planting churches or are completing their residency. Finally, please pray that God would use WCPN to spread the gospel throughout Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.