



**KINGDOM COME**  
**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 26, 2020**



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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](mailto: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.

**JUNIOR CHURCH:** 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: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

Worship Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

1 Chronicles 16:8-11

**\* O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

Music and lyrics by Charles Wesley 1739; alt. 1961.  
Refrain music Greg Upton.

**REFRAIN**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer I'll sing Your praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!**

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

**\* Land of My Father**

Music and lyrics by Matt Maher.

1. There's a sweetness in Your presence;  
All Your children running home,  
Singing songs of exultation,  
Lifting up Your name.  
*(Repeat)*

**CHORUS**

**In the land of my Father,  
Oh my soul will sing,  
"Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,"  
We sing "Holy, Holy,  
My eyes have seen the glory  
Of the great God Almighty!"**

2. There's a patience in Your Spirit  
Waiting for that day to come;  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Never-ending joy.

3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's 'tis life,  
And health, and peace.

**REFRAIN**

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

**REFRAIN**

**CHORUS**

**BRIDGE**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Father Amen!**

**FINAL CHORUS**

**God Your goodness, I have tasted,  
Jesus I have seen,  
Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
We sing Holy, Holy,  
My eyes have seen the glory  
Of the great God Almighty!**

## \* **Confession of Sin**

Worship Leader: Our soul is like a house: It's small, but we pray that you would enlarge it. It's in ruins, but we ask you to remake it.

**People: We know it's full of things that don't please you; we can't hide it. But to whom can we go for help, except to you?**

Worship Leader: Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, and our secret sins.

**People: In your mercy, Lord, remind us of who you are. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."**

Worship Leader: Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself.

**People: Fill us with love for you. Be our passion and our joy. Draw us nearer to you every day.**

Adapted from St. Augustine's Confessions

## **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who have been baptized into his death to walk in the newness of life, and hear these words of grace.

## **Words of Grace**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

## \* **Come and Welcome**

Lyrics by Thomas Haweis.

Music by Matthew Perryman Jones.

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1. From the cross uplifted high,  
Where the Savior deigns to die,  
What melodious sounds I hear  
Bursting on my ravished ear.  
Love's redeeming work is done:  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

2. Sprinkled now with blood the throne,  
Why beneath thy burdens groan?  
On my pierced body laid  
Justice owns the ransom paid.  
Bow the knee and kiss the Son;  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

3. Spread for thee the festal board;  
See with richest dainties stored.  
To thy Father's bosom pressed,  
Yet again a child confessed.  
Never from His house to roam;  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

4. Soon the days of life shall end;  
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend.  
Safe your spirit to convey  
To the realms of endless day.  
Up to my eternal home;  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

## **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**

### **Give Me Jesus**

## \* **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**

### **Joining of New Members:**

**Rick and Marlene Erickson  
Jeff and Heather Lenches  
Scott and Gayle Nowell  
Joe and Jane Torre**

*Shrewd Generosity*

**Luke 16:1-9**

**Kingdom Come: The Gospel According to Luke**

<sup>1</sup> He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup> And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

## Sermon Outline

### 1. The Shrewd Generosity of the Dishonest Manager

This manager is the ancient equivalent of an investment manager or commodities broker. He makes his living as a steward of the resources his master entrusts to him.

Despite the exceptional responsibility entrusted to this manager, he ‘scatters’ his masters possessions without purpose or profit. (c.f. Lk. 15: 13)

Suddenly, there is an immediacy to this parable that drives the action.

Facing his immediate circumstances, the manager acts generously with his master’s resources in order to secure his future through favorable relationships with those around him.

(It’s as if this parable was given in anticipation of Zacchaeus encounter with Jesus in Lk. 19)

### 2. The Godly Generosity of Jesus’s Followers

So, this begs the question, “Why is Jesus using the negative example of a dishonest manager to teach us?” If this dishonest manager, out of expediency, would practice such generosity in order to secure future favorable relationships; how much more than, should Christians practice generosity for the sake of eternal relationships.

(c.f. Matt. 6: 1–4, 19–21; 2 Cor. 5: 1–5; Ps. 122: 1–4; Rev. 7: 9, 19: 1–9, 21, 22: 1–5)

*“The diligence of worldly men about the things of time, should put to shame the coldness of professing Christians about the things of Eternity.” – J.C. Ryle*

O.k., but what is Jesus doing encouraging us to use “unrighteous wealth”?

What is Jesus able to do with that which is unrighteous?

He is able to redeem that which is unrighteous and use it for his own glory.

Therefore, we are not to serve our wealth; instead, our wealth is to be used to serve God and to serve others. (Is. 55: 7; 1 Jn. 1: 9)

Imagine how we can practice eternal-oriented generosity in . . .

### 3. The Generosity *Par Excellence* of Jesus Christ

*“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.” – Romans 8: 16–17 (c.f. Tit. 3: 4–7; Eph. 1: 11–23; Jn. 14: 1–3, 15: 15)*

## \* **Kindness**

Music and lyrics by Chris Tomlin.

1. Open up the skies of mercy  
And rain down the cleansing flood.  
Healing waters rise around us;  
Hear our cries lord let 'em rise.  
(Repeat)

### **CHORUS**

**It's your kindness, Lord,  
That leads us to repentance;  
Your favor, Lord, is our desire.  
It's your beauty, Lord,  
That makes us stand in silence;  
Your love, your love,  
Is better than life.**

2. We can feel  
Your mercy falling;  
You are turning our hearts back again.  
Hear our praises rise to heaven;  
Draw us near Lord,  
Meet us here.

### **CHORUS**

## **The Lord's Supper**

Minister: Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the same loaf.**

Minister: Is not the cup for which we give thanks a sharing in the blood of Christ?

**People: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

**All: Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of his resurrection, in the hope that he will come again, we present ourselves as living sacrifices, and come to the table of our Lord.**

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 11

*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**



## \* **Christ Is Mine Forevermore**

Music and lyrics by CityAlight.

1. Mine are days that God has numbered;  
I was made to walk with Him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,  
Though I fall, his love is sure,  
For Christ has paid for every failing;  
I am His forevermore.

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow;  
Darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven,  
And the strength in times of need.  
I know my pain will not be wasted;  
Christ completes his work in me.

3. Mine are days here as a stranger;  
Pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for his name.  
But mine is armor for this battle;  
Strong enough to last the war.  
And he has said he will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore.

4. And mine are keys to Zion city,  
Where beside the King I walk.  
For there my heart has found its treasure;  
Christ is mine forevermore,  
Christ is mine forevermore,  
Christ is mine forevermore!

## \* **Benediction**

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

People: **And also with you.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

## **MISSIONS SUNDAY AND POTLUCK**

Please join us on **Sunday, February 9**, for Missions Sunday. You'll hear from our missionary partners from the Centro Para La Planatcion 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@mpca.org).

## **EXPRESS YOUR FAITH EVANGELISM TRAINING**

Please join us for our first *Express Your Faith* evangelism training seminar. The seminar will be on **Friday, Feb. 21** from 6:15-8:15pm, and **Saturday Feb. 22** from 9:00am-5:00pm. The class material costs \$10. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary; sign ups will be open until Sunday, February 9. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Weniger (admin@mpca.org).

## **COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS**

Read Luke 16:1-9, and discuss the following questions.

1. How can you relate to the dishonest manager/steward? Have you come to understand that all the resources you have are entrusted to you by God for his honor and glory? Describe how you have grown in the realization that all you have is trust on loan to you from God.
2. Why should there be a sense of immediacy or urgency in our stewardship of God's resources?
3. Generosity not only has eternal significance, the eternal significance is relational – we are serving others whom we may have fellowship with through eternity. How does this motivate you to live a life of eternal-oriented generosity?
4. As a community group, take some time to catalogue all the ways you could practice eternal-oriented generosity toward those around you.
5. How has Jesus Christ been generous to us? How does the generosity of Jesus Christ propel us to live generously? (Think not only about his motivational example, but also about the life he gives us.)

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**From December 2019 through December 2019**

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

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**Ephesians 5:33**

## **OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS – Grace and Peace Denver, PCA**

Grace and Peace Church, planted by Pastor Matt Morginsky, worships in Northeast Denver. Please pray for their gospel ministry in their neighborhood and that they would be a place of peace in a divided area.