



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.

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

* **Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior**

Lyrics by Fanny J. Crosby, 1868.

Music by W. Howard Doane, 1870.

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

REFRAIN

**Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.**

2. Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.

REFRAIN

3. Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.

REFRAIN

4. Thou, the Spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heav'n but Thee?

REFRAIN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out:

People: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just.

Worship Leader: And from the throne came a voice saying:

People: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.

Revelation 19:1-5

* **Reformation Song**

Music and lyrics by Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin.
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1. Your Word alone is solid ground,
The mighty rock on which we build;
In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled.

2. Through faith alone we come to You;
We have no merit we can claim.
Sure that Your promises are true,
We place our hope in Jesus' name.

CHORUS

**Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.**

3. In Christ alone we're justified;
His righteousness is all our plea;
Your law's demands are satisfied;
His perfect work has set us free.

CHORUS

4. By grace alone we have been saved;
All that we are has come from You.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow'r have been made new.

CHORUS

* **Let All Things Now Living**

Lyrics by Katherine K Davis, Traditional Welsh Melody.

1. Let all things now living,
A song of thanksgiving,
To God the creator, triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
His light goes before us;
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces,
The stars in their courses,
And sun in it's orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean
Proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest,
Hosanna and praise!"

*** Confession of Sin**

Worship Leader: Heavenly Father, we confess that every part of us is tainted with sin.

People: Our hearts are filled with the love of this world; our minds are flooded with doubts; our wills are given to selfishness; our bodies are prone to laziness and unrighteousness.

All: O God, we thirst for your cleansing. Forgive us, renew us, and transform us. Take away our sin through your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who were once lost, but have now been found, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Revelation 21:6-7

*** Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Music and lyrics by Thomas O. Chisholm,
And William M. Runyan 1923.

1. 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 hast been Thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN

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!

2. 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.

REFRAIN

3. 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!

REFRAIN

OFFERING

*Fill out an online welcome card at <https://rmpca.org/visitor>
Our offering box is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
You can also give online at <https://rmpca.org/giving/>*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Diaconate

Kingdom Come: The Gospel According to Luke

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

³⁷ And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. ³⁸ And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

Sermon Notes

Main Idea: Jesus prepares us for his return.

I. Jesus Teaches Us the Signs

II. Jesus Strengthens Us Against Distraction

The Lord's Supper

Minister: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast.

People: "Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame."

Minister: Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."

People: Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!

Adapted from the Parable of the Wedding Feast

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.

Please come forward down the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. Select either grape juice (in the clear cups) or wine (in the red cups). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. After receiving the elements, we return to our seats to partake together.

Children who have not yet made a profession of faith are invited to come forward for prayer at a prayer station. If your child is ready to profess their faith, please speak with our pastor or one of the Elders.

*** How Long, O Lord**

Music and lyrics by Doug Plank
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1. Every valley will be lifted high,
And the weak will be the strong,
When You come like lightning in the sky;
How long, O Lord, how long?

2. Kings on earth will scatter when they hear
Thundering sounds of angel songs;
Hearts will tremble, filled with holy fear;
How long, O Lord, how long?

CHORUS

**All our hopes are fixed on You;
That Your promises are true,
And one day You will return.
All our treasures here will fade,
So we long to see Your face.
Until then our hearts will burn;
How long, O Lord?**

3. You will conquer every evil thing;
Every sorrow, pain, and wrong.
They will cease with Your return, our King;
How long, O Lord, how long?

CHORUS

BRIDGE (x3)

How long, O Lord? (How long, O Lord?)

CHORUS

*** Benediction**

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT

Please join us **today after the 11:00am worship service** to decorate the sanctuary for advent. Lunch will be provided.

RMPC ONLINE COOKIE BAKE

Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 12** for our online cookie bake. We'll have three Zoom baking classes throughout the day to enjoy a time of fellowship and holiday sweets. If you would like to sign up for any or all of these baking classes, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or email admin@rmpca.org.

RMPC HOLIDAY COOKBOOK

In conjunction with the online cookie bake, we'd like to compile a small cookbook with favorite holiday baking recipes. If you would like to submit a recipe for the cookbook, please email it admin@rmpca.org. If you would like to receive a copy of the cookbook, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or email admin@rmpca.org.

RMPC CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION

If you've made Christmas cards this year, please consider sending a copy to the church (4097 Main St, Westminster) so that we can put them up on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS — CENTRO PARA LA PLANTACION DE IGLESIAS

Please pray for God's blessing and protection over CPI — many of their church's worship services are still suspended due to COVID-19, so please pray that God would keep these churches and church planters healthy and safe. In addition to COVID-19, several church plants have been experiencing significant spiritual and social opposition, especially in the city Culiacan. Please pray that God would give them wisdom and continue to use them to shepherd His people and spread the gospel. Please pray, especially during this time, for God to provide this movement with the financial resources they need. Finally, please pray for health and wisdom for Jorge, Rafael, and Charlie, as they continue to lead this church planting ministry.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

From December 2019 through October 2020

Budget: \$333,981

Giving: \$307,406

Difference: + \$26,575



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