



DANIEL:

FAITHFULNESS
IN A SECULAR
WORLD



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 19 2021

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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).

* **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;
Now by Your pow'r have been made new.

CHORUS (x2)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Worship Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Worship Leader: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 5:11-14

* Your Great Name

Music and lyrics by Krissy Nordhoff and Michael Neale.

1. Lost are saved, find their way,
At the sound of your great name.
All condemned, feel no shame,
At the sound of your great name.
Every fear has no place
At the sound of your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave,
At the sound of your great name.

CHORUS

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us;
Son of God and Man,
You are high and lifted up,
And all the world will praise
Your great name!**

2. All the weak find their strength
At the sound of your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace,
At the sound of your great name.
The fatherless, they find their rest,
At the sound of your great name.
Sick are healed, and the dead are raised,
At the sound of your great name.

CHORUS

BRIDGE (X2)

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty,
Our Savior, Defender, You are My King.
Jesus, Oh Jesus
You are high and lifted up;
And all the world will praise
Your great name.

CHORUS

* **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Music by Erneueren Gesangbuch.

Lyrics by Joachim Neander.

1. Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things
So wonderously reigneth.
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work
And defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee!

4. Praise to the Lord,
Who with marvelous wisdom
Hath made thee.
Decked thee with health
And with loving hand
Guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
Hath not he brought thee relief?
Spreading His wings to o'er shade thee.

5. Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him.
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the 'amen'
Sound from His people again,
Gladly fore'er we adore Him!

* **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

People: O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy!

Worship Leader: If you should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand before you?

People: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Worship Leader: I wait for the Lord, and in his word I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Adapted from Psalm 130:1-6

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who were dead in your trespasses, but now have been made alive with Christ, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130:7-8

* **Mystery of Faith**

Words and music by Glenn Packiam and Jennie Lee Riddle

1. Your body was given
For all the broken of the world;
Now by Your wounds
We are made whole.
Your blood was spilled for us;
This is the hope of guilty souls,
Now from Your hands forgiveness flows.

CHORUS

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again;
This is the mystery of faith
That we proclaim!**

2. Your Spirit now fills us,
With You we've come from death to life.
We are your body, One in Christ.
We wait for Your coming,
The hope of glory will descend
And bring a kingdom without end!

CHORUS x2

**Alleluia, Alleluia, thanks be to our God!
(x4)**

OFFERING & PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
 and the power
 and the glory forever. Amen.**

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

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*Parents of 3-5 year olds can use this time to take your kids downstairs
and sign them in for Junior Church - Bible lesson and craft activity.*

Overcoming the Wisdom of the World

Daniel 2

Faithfulness in a Secular World

¹ In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. ² Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. ³ And the king said to them, “I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.” ⁴ Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.” ⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. ⁶ But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation.” ⁷ They answered a second time and said, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation.” ⁸ The king answered and said, “I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm— ⁹ if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation.” ¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who can meet the king’s demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. ¹¹ The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

¹² Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. ¹³ So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

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¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁵ He declared to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel. ¹⁶ And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king.

¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, ¹⁸ and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.

²¹ He changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and sets up kings;
he gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who have understanding;

²² he reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him.

²³ To you, O God of my fathers,
I give thanks and praise,
for you have given me wisdom and might,
and have now made known to me what we asked of you,
for you have made known to us the king's matter."

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."

²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation." ²⁶ The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?" ²⁷ Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: ²⁹ To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be. ³⁰ But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the o living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

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³¹ “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. ³⁶ “This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. ³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. ³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these. ⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. ⁴⁷ The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.” ⁴⁸ Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. ⁴⁹ Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king’s court.

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Sermon Notes

The Lord's Supper

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and was raised for you. Feed on Him by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

* **It's Your Grace**

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1. You will save whom You will save;
We're the lost and helpless ones.
The rebels and the renegades,
Who spurned Your holy love.
You will save whom You will save;
Mercy will be magnified.
Everyone has gone astray
And followed after lies.
But You have loved us
And opened our eyes.

CHORUS

**It's Your grace,
From beginning to the end.
It's Your grace;
We will never comprehend
Why You drew the ones
Who ran from You.
What can we do but offer You praise?**

2. You will save whom You will save;
We were captive to our wills,
And if our hearts had not been changed
We'd flee Your mercy still.
You will save whom You will save;
Who can question what You do?
You're the potter, we're the clay;
You can make us as You choose,
And there is no one
Who boasts before You.

* **Benediction**

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

People: **And also with you.**

CHORUS

3. You will save whom You will save,
Yet the promised hope remains:
You will rescue anyone
Who calls upon Your name.
You will save whom You will save;
Faithful love won't be denied.
Christ has overcome the grave
And for our sins He died.
And when He comes back,
His glory will shine.

CHORUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWCOMER'S LUNCH

If you're new to RMPC within the last year, please join us on **today, after the worship service** to enjoy a meal with Pastors Shane and Chris and learn about the church: it's history, mission, values, and ministry.

COMMUNITY GROUP SIGN UPS

Community Groups are our primary means of developing community here at RMPC. They are small groups that meet weekly for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. We have four groups that meet around the north Denver-metro area. If you are interested in signing up for a community group or in receiving more information about them, please write your contact information on the sign up sheet at the table beneath the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary, or email admin@rmpca.org.

FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This October we will offer our membership class. The class is three weeks long, and will take place on **Sunday, October 3, 10, and 17**, from 9:00-9:45am at RMPC. This class will be taught by our elders and will cover a brief history of Christianity, the history, mission, and vision of RMPC, our theological beliefs, and what it means to be a member of the church. This class is required for anyone who would like to become a member at RMPC. If you'd like to sign up for the class, or find out more information, please write your contact information on the sign up sheet at the table beneath the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary, or email admin@rmpca.org.

DENVER RESCUE MISSION MEAL SERVICE

Join us to serve breakfast and lunch at the Denver Rescue Mission (the Crossing location) on **Saturday, October 9**. We are in need of 3 volunteers for breakfast and 6 for lunch. Volunteers must be at least 10 years old. **Please note that the Denver Health Department has mandated that all volunteers to be fully vaccinated.** 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 admin@rmpca.org.

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:16

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS — CENTRO PARA LA PLANTACION DE IGLESIAS

Please pray that God would bless the CPI church planters during this week with many opportunities to connect with people in their communities who would normally not go to church. Please pray that God would give them wisdom and continue to use them to shepherd His people and spread the gospel. There are currently two couples considering relocating to Chihuahua to plant a church. CPI asks that we pray that at least one of these couples will be willing to take up the challenge of beginning a new church, and God willing a church planting movement in this important city.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

From December 2020 through July 2021

Budget: \$268,205

Giving: \$297,579

Difference: \$29,374



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