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FAITHFULNESS  
IN A SECULAR  
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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](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.

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

### \* **Sooner Count The Stars**

Music and lyrics by Doug Plank and Steve & Vikki Cook.  
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1. I could sooner count the stars,  
Than number all Your ways;  
Though I only know in part,  
That part exceeds all praise.  
As sunlight fills the skies,  
Your goodness fills my life;  
For all Your precious gifts,  
Receive my gratefulness.

2. I could sooner drink the seas,  
Than fathom all Your love;  
Like a never ceasing stream,  
Are mercies through Your Son.  
The death of Christ alone  
Deserves eternal song;  
For such a love as His,  
Receive my gratefulness.

### **CHORUS**

**No praise is high enough,  
No thanks is deep enough,  
No life is long enough  
To tell of all You've done.  
No shout is loud enough,  
No words are strong enough,  
No song is sweet enough  
To sing Your love.**

3. I could sooner turn back time,  
Than turn Your heart away.  
Though the years go fleeting by,  
Your mercies never change.  
Before You made the sun,  
Your love was set on us;  
For all Your faithfulness,  
Receive my gratefulness.

### **CHORUS (x2)**

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Worship Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**People: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Psalm 118:1-4 Psalm 68:32-35 5

### \* **Before the Throne of God Above**

Music and lyrics by Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook.

1. Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

2. My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

3. When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.

4. One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

5. Behold him there! the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!

6. Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me.  
To look on him and pardon me.

## **\* Undone**

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1. Your Spirit had awakened  
Our lifeless hearts to see  
The King in brilliant glory,  
Revealed in majesty.  
We were ruined in Your presence  
And tearing at the seams;  
Our eyes had gazed upon  
The King of kings.

### **CHORUS**

**We fall down in awe of You;  
We fall down, undone.  
We fall down before You, Lord,  
Undone.**

2. Our hands had crafted idols,  
Our lips had spoken lies,  
Every wayward thought we had  
Against us testified.  
But You were rich in mercy  
To provide what You demand,  
And now on Christ, the solid rock,  
We stand.

### **CHORUS**

### **BRIDGE**

**Holy, Holy, Holy One.  
Holy, Holy, Holy One.  
You are Holy, Holy, Holy One.  
You are Holy, Holy, Holy One.**

### **CHORUS**

**We fall down in awe of You;  
We fall down, undone.  
We fall down before You, Lord,  
Undone. Undone.**



## **\* CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**People: But I worship many idols, because I do not believe the Lord is sufficient to satisfy my deepest desires.**

Worship Leader: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

**People: But my love for the Lord is weak and half-hearted. I love my sin more than I love the Lord my God.**

Worship Leader: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**People: But I elevate myself above other people, and I fulfill my own selfish desires before I meet the needs of my neighbors.**

**All: O Lord, please forgive all my sins, and accept me as your child because of the righteousness of Jesus.**

Adapted from the Two Great Commandments

## **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, for you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and hear these words of grace.

## **Words of Grace**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

**\* Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Music and lyrics by Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude;  
Kindness to the greatest and the least;  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.

## OFFERING & PASTORAL PRAYER

*Fill out an online Next Step card at <https://rmpca.org/nextsteps>*

*Our offering box is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.*

*You can also give online at <https://rmpca.org/giving/>*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.*

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<sup>1</sup> King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.

<sup>2</sup> Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup> Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup> They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

<sup>5</sup> Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. <sup>6</sup> Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. <sup>7</sup> The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." <sup>8</sup> Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. <sup>9</sup> Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed.





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<sup>10</sup> The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, “O king, live forever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your color change. <sup>11</sup> There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, <sup>12</sup> because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, “You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. <sup>14</sup> I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. <sup>15</sup> Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter. <sup>16</sup> But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”

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<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel answered and said before the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. <sup>18</sup> O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty. <sup>19</sup> And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. <sup>20</sup> But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. <sup>21</sup> He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will. <sup>22</sup> And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, <sup>23</sup> but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

<sup>24</sup> “Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. <sup>25</sup> And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. <sup>26</sup> This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; <sup>27</sup> TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; <sup>28</sup> PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

<sup>29</sup> Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

<sup>30</sup> That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. <sup>31</sup> And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

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**Sermon Notes**

# 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.*

*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*



### \* **Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears**

Lyrics by Isaac Watts. Music by Sandra McCracken.

1. Laden with guilt and full of fears,  
I fly to Thee, my Lord,  
And not a glimpse of hope appears,  
But in Thy written Word.  
The volumes of my Father's grace  
Does all my griefs assuage;  
Here I behold my Savior's face  
In every page.

2. This is the field where, hidden, lies  
The pearl of price unknown.  
That merchant is divinely wise  
Who makes the pearl his own.  
Here consecrated water flows  
To quench my thirst of sin.  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
No danger dwells within.

3. This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail.  
My guide to everlasting life  
Through all this gloomy vale.  
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,  
My roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road  
That leads to Thy right hand.

### \* **Benediction**

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

People: **And also with you.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **BRIDAL SHOWER FOR RACHEL CARMICHAEL**

Ladies of RMPC, please join us for a bridal shower honoring Rachel Carmichael, fiancée of Stephen Berry, on **Saturday, October 23** at **11:30am** in the church sanctuary. If you'd like to help with food please speak with Taylor Mustoe (TaylorjMustoe@gmail.com); to contribute to a group gift or if you have additional questions please speak with Kelly Berry (KellyBerry927@gmail.com).

## **RIGHT NOW MEDIA SUBSCRIPTION ENDING**

Many of you will recall that during the pandemic lockdown, RMPC provided access to Right Now Media to enhance your study and personal worship while our regular classes and activities were suspended. Now that we are back to in-person worship and a full compliment of classes and groups we are ending that subscription.

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will <sup>d</sup>know the truth, and the truth <sup>e</sup>will set you free."

John 8:31-32

## **OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS —Grace and Peace Denver**

Grace and Peace Church, planted by Pastor Matt Morginsky, worships in Northeast Denver. We are happy to announce that as of the last Presbytery meeting, Grace and Peace Denver has "particularized" which means that it is no longer considered a church plant but a particular local church within the PCA with its own local session. We thank you for your prayers and encourage you to continue to pray for this church as it spreads the gospel in a challenging part of the Denver Metro area.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**From December 2020 through August 2021**

**Budget:** \$301,731

**Giving:** \$329,915

**Difference:** \$28,184





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