

JOSHUA

*Trusting God
in our
Battles*



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

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

* **O God of Mercy, Hear Our Plea**

Words and Music by Matt Merker & Brittany Kauflin
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1. O God, we've seen Your faithfulness,
You brought us from the wilderness,
But now our faith is frail and weak,
O God of mercy, hear our plea.

2. When will You comfort our distress?
How long until the promised rest?
We cry to You from deepest need,
O God of mercy, hear our plea.

CHORUS

**Abba, Father, our Redeemer,
In this barren land be
Our hope and strength.
Until glory we will trust and sing;
Abba, Father, hear our plea.**

3. We join creation's longing groan,
To take Your ransomed children home,
For then the eyes of all will see,
The God of mercy hears our plea.

CHORUS

For then the eyes of all will see,
The God of mercy hears our plea.

CHORUS (X2)

Abba, Father, hear our plea.

* 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

* How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Music and lyrics by Stuart Townsend.

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.

**How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.**

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers.

**It was my sin that left Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.**

3. I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.

**Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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*** Almighty God, to You All Hearts Are Open**

Music and lyrics by Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, and Sandra McCracken.

1. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open;
Search and know
Our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy;
Come with your light,
We cannot hide from you.

2. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open;
With gratitude we raise our song to you.
Come and fill the praises of your people;
In grace and truth, you make us new again.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open;
We long for more
Than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us;
Your river deep floods over everything.

4. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open;
You take away our sickness and our sin.
Oh Lamb of God, we gather at Your table;
In bread and wine
You have supplied our needs.

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

*** CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holiness that we are poor sinners, born into guilt and corruption, prone to do evil and unable to do good by our own strength.

People: Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our sins.

Worship Leader: Have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: And in addition to removing our guilt, also grow us in the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of a life that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from John Calvin's Form of Church Prayers, 1542

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who have been justified by his grace, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

* **All the Heavens**

Music and lyrics by Third Day.

1. As Your children gather in peace,
All the angels sing in Heaven.
In Your temple all that I seek
Is to glimpse Your holy presence.

**All the heavens cannot hold You, Lord.
How much less to dwell in me?
I can only make my one desire
Holding on to Thee.**

2. All the angels exalt You on high;
What a kingdom to depart.
But You left Your throne in the sky,
Just to live inside my heart.

**All the heavens cannot hold You, Lord.
How much less to dwell in me?
I can only make my one desire
Holding on to Thee.
I will always make my one desire
Holding on to Thee.
Holding on to Thee.**

OFFERING, PASTORAL PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/>

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.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A Fresh Start
Joshua 5
Trusting God in Our Battles
Pastor Shane Michael Waldron

¹ As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.

² At that time the Lord said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time.” ³ So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴ And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵ Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ⁶ For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord; the Lord swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the Lord had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

⁸ When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. ⁹ And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

¹³ When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” ¹⁴ And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” ¹⁵ And the commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

A Fresh Start
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Sermon Outline

Main Idea: God gives us a fresh start.

I. Covenant Signs

II. Ordinary Provision

III. Empowering Presence

The Lord's Supper

Minister: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out:

People: Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Minister: Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

People: For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.

Minister: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

People: These are the true words of God.

Revelation 19:6-7, 9

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.

* **On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

Lyrics by Samuel Stennett. Music by Christopher Miner.

CHORUS

**I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for the promised land.**

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

CHORUS

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

CHORUS

4. When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

CHORUS

* **Benediction**

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICKLE GULCH CAMPING TRIP - TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP

Come for both nights, or just for one of the days between **August 5-7**. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Saxon (saxon2513@yahoo.com).

CHURCH CENTER APP TUTORIAL - TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Stay after church a few minutes, meet at the monitor in the back, and learn more about the Church Center App, our “One Stop Shop” for being involved in RMPC!

SUMMER PARKS AND PLAYMATES - Thursdays Through August 11

Join us for playtime and fellowship over the summer at a different playground each week on **Thursdays, from 9-11am**. The whole family is welcome. Please contact Alyssa Klein with your cell phone number and favorite parks to join the list at alyssanudo@gmail.com or 708-927-5876.

FAITH & FINANCES - Starts Sunday, August 28

To learn more, or if you or someone you know is interested the class, or to volunteer, please contact Krystal Houde, Sharon Ozzello, or John Talbert at **faithandfinances@rmpca.org**, or check the RMPC website under Outreach Ministries to view an informational video.

NURSERY DONATIONS

Please donate age appropriate Bible story books to the Nursery (up to 3 years old) for snack time that are no longer used at home. Thanks!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - SAVE THE DATE

RMPC's Women's Ministry is moving their monthly meetup time to the second Wednesday of every month starting September 14th. Stay tuned for upcoming details regarding our first event!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS – The Table

- Please pray for Pastor Brad and the Table as they go through this season of change in light of Pastor Bryce's new call to be a Lead Pastor.
- Pray that God would give Brad wisdom in leading the Table and the staff/volunteer team.
- Pray that God would continue to use the Table to make the gospel known and make disciples throughout Lafayette and Boulder.
- Please also pray for Pastor Bryce and his family as they move back home to California. Pray for Bryce's transition to Lead Pastor and for their children's transition to a new school.
- Finally, please also pray for God's continued provision of financial support and lay leaders to rise up and serve alongside the staff.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund - December 2021 - June 2022

Giving: \$332,100

Budget: \$258,969

Difference: \$73,131

Faith Promise Pledge (Missions) - February 2022 - June 2022

Giving: \$40,854

Budget: \$14,581

Difference: \$26,273

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