

JOSHUA

*Trusting God
in our
Battles*



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 14 , 2022

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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@mpca.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.

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

* Lord, For Your Glory

Music and lyrics by David B. Hampton,
Matt Huesmann, and Grant Cunningham.

1. Lord, for Your Glory
We sing your praises.
We magnify Your holy name.
All for Your glory, Lord, we bring blessing.
We seek to honor You all of our days.

CHORUS

**We lift our hands,
We lift our praise to You.
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts,
We live our lives to You.
We offer all we are for the glory of You.**

2. Almighty Father, we are Your children.
You have been faithful to Your own.
Lord, for Your Glory we have been chosen.
We lay down all we have
Here at Your Throne!

CHORUS

BRIDGE

**We offer all we have,
We offer all our lives for the glory of You.**

TAG

Lord for your glory.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

People: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Worship Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

People: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

* **Greater**

Music and lyrics by MercyMe.

1. Bring your tired and bring your shame;
Bring your guilt and bring your pain;
Don't you know, that's not your name?
You will always be much more to me.

Every day I wrestle with the voices
That keep telling me I'm not right,
But that's alright:

CHORUS

**'Cause I hear a voice
And He calls me redeemed,
When others say I'll never be enough.
And greater is the One
Living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world!
(In the world, in the world)
And greater is the One
Living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world.**

2. Bring your doubts and bring your fears;
Bring your hurt and bring your tears;
There'll be no condemnation here;
You are holy, righteous and redeemed.

Every time I fall, there'll be those
Who will call me a mistake;
Well that's okay:

CHORUS

*** Am I A Soldier of the Cross/For A
Thousand Tongues**

Music and lyrics by Isaac Watts, 1724.

1. Am I a soldier of the cross,
Follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His Name?

2. Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?

REFRAIN

**O For a thousand tongues to sing,
My Great Redeemer, I'll sing Your praise.
The glories of my God and King,
The triumph of His grace!**

3. Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

4. Thy saints in all this glorious war
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar,
By faith's discerning eye.

REFRAIN

5. When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all thy armies shine
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be Thine

REFRAIN x2

*** CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Lord, though you should guide us, we lead ourselves; though you should rule us, we serve ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we fill ourselves.

People: We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are all lost.

Worship Leader: Heal our confused minds with your Word, heal our divided wills with your law.

People: Heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence.

Worship Leader: All for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us.

People: 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

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

* **Thy Will Be Done**

Music and Lyrics by Derek Webb.

1. My God and Father, while I stray,
Far from my home in life's rough way,
Oh, teach me from my heart to say,
"Thy will be done!"
"Thy will be done!"

2. Renew my will from day to day,
Blend it with Thine, and take away,
All now that makes it hard to say,
"Thy will be done!"
"Thy will be done!"

3. If but my fainting heart be blest,
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God, to Thee I leave the rest,
"Thy will be done!"
"Thy will be done!"

4. Then when on earth I breathe no more,
The prayer oft mixed with tears before,
I'll sing upon a happier shore,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"
"Thy will be done!"

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

The Covenant Broken and Renewed

Joshua 7- 8

Trusting God in Our Battles
Pastor Shane Michael Waldron

Joshua 6:18-19

18 But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. 19 But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord."

Joshua 7

7:1 But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.

2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few." 4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, 5 and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

6 Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads. 7 And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan! 8 O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?"

10 The Lord said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? 11 Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. 12 Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. 13 Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the Lord, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you."' 14 In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the Lord takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the Lord takes shall come near by households. And the household that the Lord takes shall come near man by man. 15 And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel.'"

16 So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken. 17 And he brought near the clans of Judah, and the clan of the Zerahites was taken. And he brought near the clan of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken. 18 And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. 19 Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the Lord God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." 20 And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and this is what I did: 21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath. 23 And they took them out of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. And they laid them down before the Lord. 24 And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, "Why did you bring trouble on us? The Lord brings trouble on you today." And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the Lord turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.

Sermon Outline

I. Rebellion

A. The Individual Dimension

B. The Corporate Dimension

Deuteronomy 24:16

Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

C. The Judicial Dimension

II. Restoration

III. Renewal

Joshua 8

8:1 And the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not fear and do not be dismayed. Take all the fighting men with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, his city, and his land. 2 And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king. Only its spoil and its livestock you shall take as plunder for yourselves. Lay an ambush against the city, behind it.”

3 So Joshua and all the fighting men arose to go up to Ai. And Joshua chose 30,000 mighty men of valor and sent them out by night. 4 And he commanded them, “Behold, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you remain ready. 5 And I and all the people who are with me will approach the city. And when they come out against us just as before, we shall flee before them. 6 And they will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city. For they will say, ‘They are fleeing from us, just as before.’ So we will flee before them. 7 Then you shall rise up from the ambush and seize the city, for the Lord your God will give it into your hand. 8 And as soon as you have taken the city, you shall set the city on fire. You shall do according to the word of the Lord. See, I have commanded you.” 9 So Joshua sent them out. And they went to the place of ambush and lay between Bethel and Ai, to the west of Ai, but Joshua spent that night among the people.

10 Joshua arose early in the morning and mustered the people and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. 11 And all the fighting men who were with him went up and drew near before the city and encamped on the north side of Ai, with a ravine between them and Ai. 12 He took about 5,000 men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, to the west of the city. 13 So they stationed the forces, the main encampment that was north of the city and its rear guard west of the city. But Joshua spent that night in the valley. 14 And as soon as the king of Ai saw this, he and all his people, the men of the city, hurried and went out early to the appointed place toward the Arabah to meet Israel in battle. But he did not know that there was an ambush against him behind the city. 15 And Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten before them and fled in the direction of the wilderness. 16 So all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them, and as they pursued Joshua they were drawn away from the city. 17 Not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. They left the city open and pursued Israel.

18 Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." And Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city. 19 And the men in the ambush rose quickly out of their place, and as soon as he had stretched out his hand, they ran and entered the city and captured it. And they hurried to set the city on fire. 20 So when the men of Ai looked back, behold, the smoke of the city went up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that, for the people who fled to the wilderness turned back against the pursuers. 21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had captured the city, and that the smoke of the city went up, then they turned back and struck down the men of Ai. 22 And the others came out from the city against them, so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side. And Israel struck them down, until there was left none that survived or escaped. 23 But the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him near to Joshua.

24 When Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the open wilderness where they pursued them, and all of them to the very last had fallen by the edge of the sword, all Israel returned to Ai and struck it down with the edge of the sword. 25 And all who fell that day, both men and women, were 12,000, all the people of Ai. 26 But Joshua did not draw back his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had devoted all the inhabitants of Ai to destruction. 27 Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as their plunder, according to the word of the Lord that he commanded Joshua. 28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it forever a heap of ruins, as it is to this day. 29 And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening. And at sunset Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree and threw it at the entrance of the gate of the city and raised over it a great heap of stones, which stands there to this day.

30 At that time Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, 31 just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool." And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings. 32 And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. 33 And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them.

The Lord's Supper

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

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.

* **Trust and Obey**

Lyrics by John H. Sammis, 1887.

Music Daniel B. Towner, 1887.

1. When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

REFRAIN

**Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.**

2. But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
For the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

REFRAIN

3. Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

REFRAIN (x2)

* **Benediction**

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

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH DAY AT THE ROCKIES - TODAY at 1pm, for Pre-Registered Purchases

Pick up your tickets **TODAY!** For questions, contact Marcus Benson at mbenson18@gmail.com

FAITH & FINANCES - SIGN UP TODAY! - 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

YOUTH EVENT - BOWLING, Monday, August 22, 7-8:30pm

Join us on **Monday, August 22 at 7pm** for a night of bowling at The Summit (off 144th and I-25). Please sign up in the back if you plan to attend or contact Chris Weniger at chris.weniger@rmpca.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, September 11, After Church

There will be a brief congregational meeting after church on **September 11** to re-elect Jim Hottinger to the office of Deacon

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!

CHURCH CENTER APP - THE NEW APP FOR RMPC

Please download and engage with our new app, Church Center! The current online Giving system also works with Church Center! If you have any questions, or need assistance, please contact Renee Mundt at admin@rmpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS — Elevate Hope Centennial

Please pray for Elevate Hope Centennial and Pastor Brett:

- That God would continue to use this church plant to spread the gospel and make disciples in Centennial.
- That God would raise up leaders (elders, deacons, and volunteer leaders) to serve the church.
- That things would go smoothly as they go through some staff changes this summer.
- That God would provide them with the financial resources they need.
- And that God would continue to give Pastor Brett wisdom in leading Elevate Hope and bless his preaching ministry.

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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