



Exodus:

The Captives

Set FREE



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 19, 2023

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 it in the box on the back table.

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.

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

* Grace Greater than Our Sin

Music and Lyrics by Julia Harriette Johnston
and Daniel Brink Towner

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

CHORUS

**Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!**

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

CHORUS

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Whiter than snow you may be today.

CHORUS

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

CHORUS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

People: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Worship Leader: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

People: For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

Psalms 47:6-9

*** Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts**

Words and Music by Bernard of Clairvaux

1. Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.

3. We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

4. Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Wherever our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.

5. O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed over the world Thy holy light.

*** Alas and Did My Savior Bleed**

©1997 Christopher Miner Music. Words: Martin Luther.

Music: Christopher Miner.

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?
Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

2. Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in,
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears.
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt my eyes with tears.

3. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.
Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
Yes, it's love beyond degree!

*** CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Father of mercy, we confess that we are prone to sin, and we are lazy in doing good.

People: All our sins are ultimately against you. We confess that we have sinned by wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love.

Worship Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our sins and to love your ways.

People: Do not cast us out, but draw us near and forgive all our sins on account of your Son and our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who are no longer strangers and aliens, but are now fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

Jesus said: "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day."

John 6:37-39

* **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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

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.

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

**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!**

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 (x2)

OFFERING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - BUILDING IN FAITH

SCAN HERE TO GIVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*8:30 Service: 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.
11:00 Service: Parents of 3-5 year olds can use this time to take your kids downstairs for child care.*



**SCAN HERE FOR
NEXT STEP CARD**

Redemption Through the Red Sea

Exodus 14:5-31

Exodus: The Captives Set Free

Pastor Shane Michael Waldron

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” ⁶ So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, ⁷ and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸ And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. ⁹ The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³ And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

¹⁵ The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

¹⁹ Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴ And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.”

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Sermon Notes

I. Return to Slavery

II. Redeemed from Slavery

A. By God's Grace

B. Through God's Mediator

The Lord's Supper

Minister: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

People: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

Minister: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

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

Psalm 118:27-29

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). After receiving the elements, we return to our seats to partake together.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ingredients: Garbanzo Bean Flour, Potato Starch, Tapioca Flour, Whole Grain Sweet White Sorghum Flour, Fava Bean Flour, Water.

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

NO RMPC WOMEN PRAY NOVEMBER 24

Women Pray will not meet on the Friday after Thanksgiving and will resume on Friday December 1. If you have any questions, please contact Blue Olson or Katie Houde.

NO DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES NOVEMBER 26

WINTER DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES — STARTING DECEMBER 3

Our winter discipleship class for adults will be studying the book "Thank God: Becoming More Grateful to the Greatest of Givers" by Reuben Bredendhof. Pastor Tim Van Lant will teach this class in the Bradburn Clubhouse beginning on **Sunday, Dec. 3, at 10:00am**. If you have any questions or need help purchasing the book, please contact Pastor Tim (tim.vanlant@rmpca.org).

CAROLING, COOKIES, COFFEE, COCOA — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Join us to reach out to our neighbors this Christmas season with caroling in the Bradburn neighborhood! Meet at the church at 6:30pm with a plate of cookies to share. We'll have coffee and cocoa on hand as well. We'll head out into the neighborhood to sing Christmas carols and hand out bags with treats and an invitation to our Christmas Eve service. We'll then meet up back at the church to warm up with cookies, coffee, and cocoa and share stories! Sign up at the back of the sanctuary or on Church Center. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Collins (hcollins12417@gmail.com).

WOMEN OF RMPC WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024

We are excited to announce that our Women's Retreat is scheduled for **Friday, March 1**, and **Saturday, March 2**, at the Hilton Garden Inn Thornton/North Denver. The retreat speaker is Lisa J. Allen from Proverbs 31 Ministries who will teach 3 sessions on how God created us on purpose with a purpose. Registration is now open on Church Center, and there is also a paper sign-up in the back. You can come during the daytime only (\$120) or stay overnight (\$135/145)! We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship and learning, and we encourage you to sign up early. Scholarships are available. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Waggoner (karen.boyle.11@gmail.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS — The Table

- Pray for The Table as they work to identify potential elders and deacons.
- Pray for Pastor Michael Phillips and his wife Chelsea as they continue to get established in both life and ministry here and a praise that it's going extremely well!
- Pray that God would give Pastor 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.
- 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 2022 - August 2023

Giving: \$493,117

Budget: \$451,634

Difference: \$41,484

Faith Promise Pledge

(Missions and Outreach) -

May 2023 - April 2024

Pledged: \$28,718

Giving: \$16,443

Building in Faith Campaign -

October 2022 - August 2023

Pledged: \$995,597

Giving: \$518,571

Remaining: \$477,026

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