# Exodus: The Captives Set FREE



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH November 26, 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).

#### \* Let All Things Now Living

Lyrics by Katherine K Davis, Traditional Welsh Melody.

Let all things now living,
 A song of thanksgiving,
 To God the creator, triumphantly raise.
 Who fashioned and made us,
 Protected and stayed us,
 Who guideth us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us; A pillar of fire shining forth in the night. Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces, The stars in their courses, And sun in it's orbit obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The depths of the ocean Proclaim Him divine.

We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing; With glad adoration a song let us raise, Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out:

## People: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just.

Worship Leader: And from the throne came a voice saying:

People: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.

Revelation 19:1-5

#### \* O God Beyond All Praising

Author: Michael A. Perry (1982) Tune: THAXED (Holst)

1. Oh God beyond all praising, We worship You today, And sing the love amazing That songs cannot re-pay;

For we can only wonder At every gift you send, At blessings without number And mercies without end:

We lift our hearts before You And wait upon Your word, We honor and adore You, Our great and mighty Lord. 2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring, That we who know Your favor May serve You as our King;

And whether our tomorrows Be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless You still:

To marvel at Your beauty And glory in Your ways, And make a joyful duty Our sacrifice of praise!

#### \* Sooner Count The Stars

Music and lyrics by Doug Plank and Steve & Vikki Cook. @ 2015 Sovereign Grace Worship

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)

#### \* CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Heavenly Father, we confess that every part of us is tainted with sin.

People: Our hearts are filled with the love of this world; our minds are flooded with doubts; our wills are given to selfishness; our bodies are prone to laziness and unrighteousness.

## All: O God, we thirst for your cleansing. Forgive us, renew us, and transform us. Take away our sin through your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

#### \* As Long As You Are Glorified

Music and lyrics by Mark Altrogge. © 2008 Integrity's Praise! Music/Sovereign Grace Praise.

 Shall I take from Your hand Your blessings, Yet not welcome any pain? Shall I thank You for days of sunshine, Yet grumble in days of rain? Shall I love You in times of plenty, Then leave You in days of drought? Shall I trust when I reap a harvest, But when winter winds blow, then doubt?

#### CHORUS

Oh let Your will be done in me; In Your love I will abide. Oh I long for nothing else as long, As You are glorified. 2. Are You good only when I prosper, And true only when I'm filled? Are You King only when I'm carefree, And God only when I'm well? You are good when I'm poor and needy, You are true when I'm parched and dry. You still reign in the deepest valley, You're still God in the darkest night.

#### CHORUS

#### BRIDGE

So quiet my restless heart; Quiet my restless heart; Quiet my restless heart, in You.

**CHORUS** 

#### **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.



#### 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

#### A Song of Thanksgiving Exodus 15:1-18 Exodus: The Captives Set Free Pastor Shane Michael Waldron

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him. my father's God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup> The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name. <sup>4</sup> "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea. and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup> The floods covered them: they went down into the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup> Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. <sup>7</sup> In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. <sup>8</sup> At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up: the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' <sup>10</sup> You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup> "Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup> You stretched out your right hand;

the earth swallowed them.

- <sup>13</sup> "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- <sup>14</sup> The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
- <sup>15</sup> Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
  <sup>16</sup> Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased.
  <sup>17</sup> You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
  <sup>18</sup> The Lord will price for your and over "
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord will reign forever and ever."

#### **Sermon Notes**

#### Main Idea: The Lord fights for his people.

I. Praise in the Present

- II. Faith in the Future
  - A. Future Challenges

**B.** Eternal Security

#### The Lord's Supper

Minister: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast.

## People: "Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame."

Minister: Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."

#### People: Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!

Adapted from the Parable of the Wedding Feast

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.

#### \* The Victor's Crown

Music and lyrics by Israel Houghton, Kari Jobe, and Darlene Zschech.

 You are always fighting for us; Heaven's angels all around.
 My delight is found in knowing That You wear the Victor's crown.
 You're my help and my defender; You're my Savior and my friend.
 By Your grace,
 I live and breathe to worship You.

2. At the mention of Your greatness, In Your Name, I will bow down.
In Your presence, fear is silent, For You wear the Victor's crown.
Let Your glory fill this temple;
Let Your power overflow.
By Your grace,
I live and breathe to worship You.

#### CHORUS

Hallelujah! You have overcome; You have overcome. Hallelujah! Jesus, You have overcome the world. 3. You are ever interceding
As the lost become the found.
You can never be defeated,
For You wear the Victor's crown.
You are Jesus the Messiah;
You're the Hope of all the world.
By Your grace,
I live and breathe to worship You.

#### CHORUS

#### BRIDGE

Every high thing must come down; Every stronghold shall be broken. You wear the Victor's crown: You overcome, You overcome. *(3x)* 

4. At the cross, the work was finished; You were buried in the ground. But the grave could not contain You, For You wear the Victor's crown.

#### CHORUS

#### \* Benediction

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

#### People: And also with you.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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).

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR**

Tis the season to lend your voice to the RMPC Choir, **Sunday, December 24, at 5pm**! All are encouraged to join! More details to come. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Upton (greg.upton@rmpca.org).

#### **DECEMBER 24 SERVICES**

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. Instead of our usual two morning services, on **Sunday, December 24** we will have one morning worship service at **10am**, and our annual candle-light Christmas Eve service at **5pm**.

#### NO DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES ON DECEMBER 24 OR DECEMBER 31

#### 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 — Center for Church Planting - Centro Para La Plantacíon De Iglesias (CPI)

CPI, working with other partners, will reach their goal of planting 10 new church plants in 10 cities by 2024. Their new goal is to establish 10 church networks in Northern Mexico by 2030!

• Praise and thanks that all of CPI's projects are stable and growing, little by little, even in the middle of many challenges.



- Pray that God would lead, bless, and strengthen CPI's church planting efforts across all of Northern Mexico and establishing church networks.
- Please pray that the Lord will open new churches and people that Jorge, the Director of CPI, can talk to about their church planting movement for support.
- For Church Planter Armando Cuevas and his family who moved to Chihuahua in June as they work to establish this church plant and minister to the city.
- For the church plants in Durango, Hermosillo, Obregón, La Paz, Culiacán, Mexicali, Monterrey, Nuevo Laredo, and Victoria. For God to use these men and their families and grant them grace to persevere and grant them great fruit for their labors.

#### 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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