

Rebellion

&



Redemption

Isaiah 1-12



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 29, 2024

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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 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 in the basement. 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).

* Come, Ye Sinners

©1980 Darwin Jordan Music. Words: Joseph Hart. Music: Darwin Jordan.

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Worship Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Worship Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11

* Praise the Savior Now and Ever

Words: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609.

Tr. by Augustus Nelson, 1863-1949.

Music: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.

Attr. to William Moore, 1825.

Arr. Benedict/Bradham 2005.

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1. Praise the Savior now and ever;
Praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying suff'ring,
Dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict'ry gaining life obtaining
Now in glory he doth rise.

2. Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth;
He is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever
Set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit
Light and peace and happiness.

3. Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger
Hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison;
O'er the tomb he light has shed.

4. For his favor, praise forever
Unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever,
Son of God, Our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit
He doth us salvation bring.

* **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Music and lyrics by Thomas O. Chisholm and
William M. Runyan, 1923.

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.

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!

* **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we know we are your children.

People: Yet we worship our own idols, and we bow down to a god of our own imagination.

Worship Leader: Please overlook our ignorance, and give us ears to hear your call to repentance.

People: Do not judge us by our own righteousness, but by the righteousness of the resurrected Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted from Acts 17:28-31

Silent Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10

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

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: 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.

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

*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.*



**SCAN HERE FOR
NEXT STEP CARD**

The Severe Mercy of a Pruning Hook

Isaiah 5:1-7

Pastor Tim Van Lant

¹ Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

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1. The Vinedresser and His Vineyard

By referring to the Vinedresser as “Beloved,” Isaiah is telling us about the character of the Vinedresser—his vineyard is a labor of love.

- The Vinedresser exerted immense labor to build a fruitful vineyard.
- The Vinedresser sought choice vines to plant a fruitful vineyard.
- The Vinedresser waited patiently for his vineyard to produce.

The Vinedresser did everything for the vines, which they could not do for themselves, so that they would produce the good fruit he made them to produce. What more could he do? (Genesis 1:26-28; Ephesians 1:3)

2. The Vines and Their Fruit

What did the vines yield? Stinking grapes, sour grapes, wild grapes.

As much as we are tempted to explain away sin as a matter of taste, the six “woes” that follow in Isaiah 5 make it clear that sin is a painful reality in the lives of real people. (Romans 3:10-18, 23)

Woe #1 — Practicing exploitative greed (vv. 8-10).

Woe #2 — Pursuing intoxicating delights (vv. 11-17).

Woe #3 — Apathy to public sins (18-19).

Woe #4 — Disregard for the moral order (v. 20).

Woe #5 — Self-righteous pride (v. 21).

Woe #6 — The perversion of justice (vv. 22-23).

Do we live as if God exists to produce good things for our consumption, or do we live knowing we exist to produce good fruit for God’s glory?
(Luke 20:9-18; Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12)

3. The Vinedresser Will Have His Vineyard (Isaiah 55:10-13)

The Father remains the Vinedresser, Jesus is the True Vine (John 15:1), and the fruit God’s people bear are the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

The fruitlessness of men doesn’t render God fruitless.

The Lord's Supper

Minster: We proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: Praise you, Lord Jesus.

People: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Minister: We profess our union with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. We offer our thanks while we yearn for the coming marriage supper of the Lamb.

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

From The Worship Sourcebook

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 Same Love**

Music and lyrics by Paul Baloche.

1. You choose the humble
And raise them high.
You choose the weak
And make them strong.
You heal our brokenness inside,
And give us life.

**The same love
That set the captives free;
The same love
That opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name;
You are calling us all by name.**

2. You take the faithless one aside,
And speak the words, "You are mine."
You call the cynic and the proud,
"Come to me now."

CHORUS

**The same love
That set the captives free;
The same love
That opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name;
You are calling us all by name.
The same God
That spread the heavens wide;
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name;
You are calling us all by name.**

Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah!

**You're calling,
You're calling,
You're calling us to the cross. (X4)**

CHORUS

* **Benediction**

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP CLASS - OCT. 6, 13, 20, 27, NOV. 3, 10 - AFTER SERVICE

Beginning **October 6**, join us after service for one hour for six weeks for a class taught by Pastor Chris and some elders covering a brief history of Christianity; the history, mission, and vision of RMPC; our theological beliefs; and what it means to be a member of the church. This class is required for anyone who would like to become a member at RMPC. Lunch will be provided, and childcare is available. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Weniger (Chris.weniger@mpca.org).

TRUNK OR TREAT – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, FROM 4PM – 6PM

Join us as we host a community-wide Trunk or Treat event at the Bradburn Village Green on Saturday, October 12, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm! We've invited the Bradburn community to join us for this fun event, and we'll use the event to visit with people from the neighborhood and provide an invite to our worship service. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors! Flyers are available on the back table and will also be emailed to you to share digitally. Decorate your car with family-friendly carnival games and come in a non-scary, modest costume. Bring candy to share, and we'll provide pizza and drinks! If you have any questions, email Helen Collins at hcollins12417@gmail.com.

CHURCH WORK DAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 8AM-NOON

Please help spruce up the church! **Please bring any tools you have** to help with the jobs. Donuts, snacks, and drinks will be provided. Sign up online or in back of sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Tweten at **303-204-1273**.

INTERESTED IN THE MEXICO MISSION TRIP IN JUNE 2025?

If you are interested in learning more about the Mexico Mission Trip with CPI, but didn't attend the informational meeting, contact Tom or Brittany Wassmer at tommywass@gmail.com or Mrs.bwassmer@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS – Christ Presbyterian Church

Christ Presbyterian Church in Englewood celebrated their one-year anniversary on September 8th! Please pray for Christ Presbyterian Church:

- Praise that since February, the church was able to begin offering children's Sunday school classes in February, youth group in March, a Women's group in April, and celebrated 2 baptisms! Pray that God would guide the teachers and leaders to reach the hearts of children, youth, and women to know and follow Christ.
- That this church would know and be known by the nearby communities and that people would commit to attending the service. People seemed to come and go.
- That God would give Pastor JP wisdom in guiding and leading this church plant.
- That God would greatly use this church to spread the gospel and make disciples for Christ.
- That God would provide the resources they need: leaders, volunteers, and financial resources.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund -

December 2023 - July 2024

Giving: \$427,255

Budget: \$428,867

Difference: -\$1,612

Building in Faith Campaign -

October 2022 - July 2024

Pledged: \$995,597

Giving: \$726,531

Remaining: \$269,066

Faith Promise Pledge

(Missions and Outreach) -

May 2024 - April 2025

Giving: \$22,308

Goal: \$45,788

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Emily's JG	2 Chris' JG	3 Carbon Valley CG 6pm	4 Women Pray 10am	5
CG = Community Group JG = Journey Group • Interested in CG or JG? Contact admin@rmpca.org • For a full list of RMPC ministries, refer to rmpca.org , information table in sanctuary, or Church Center app.						
6 • Member Class • Erie CG 6pm • Westminster CG 3pm • Arvada CG 5pm	7 • Youth Group 6pm • Beth's JG • Tim's JG • Joe's JG	8 • Emily's JG • Women CG 5:30pm	9 • Chris' JG • Bradburn CG Noon	10 Broomfield CG 6:30pm	11 Women Pray 10am	12 Trunk or Treat 4-6pm
13 • Member Class • Erie CG 6pm • Arvada CG 5pm	14 • Youth Group 6pm • Beth's JG • Tim's JG • Joe's JG	15 Emily's JG	16 Chris' JG	17 Carbon Valley CG 6pm	18 Women Pray 10am	19 Church Work Day 8am-Noon
20 • Member Class • Erie CG 6pm • Westminster CG 3pm	21 • Youth Group 6pm • Beth's JG • Tim's JG • Joe's JG	22 • Emily's JG • Women CG 5:30pm	23 • Chris' JG • Bradburn CG Noon	24 Broomfield CG 6:30pm	25 Women Pray 10am	26
27 • Member Class • Erie CG 6pm • Arvada CG 5pm	28 • Youth Group 6pm • Beth's JG • Tim's JG • Joe's JG	29 Emily's JG	30	31		

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