

The background of the entire poster is a dark, textured image. In the center, there is a bright, golden-yellow light source, possibly a window or a fire, which creates a strong backlight effect. Two silhouetted figures, a man and a woman, are shown from the waist up, facing each other and looking down at a large, open book they are holding together. The light from the background source illuminates the edges of their silhouettes and the pages of the book, creating a dramatic and intimate atmosphere.

FLAWED PEOPLE, FAITHFUL GOD:

A decorative horizontal element consisting of a central stem with several pairs of stylized leaves extending outwards, resembling a laurel wreath or a branch.

THE LIFE OF JACOB



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 24, 2025

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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 Connect 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 downstairs. 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 2 years old.

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

* **Sooner Count The Stars**

Music and lyrics by Doug Plank and Steve & Vikki Cook.
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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)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Worship Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

People: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 149:1-2, 4-5

*** Glory In the Highest**

Words and music by Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves, and Redman.

1. You are the first;
You go before;
You are the last;
Lord, You live forevermore!
Your name's in lights for all to see;
The starry host declare Your glory.

CHORUS

**Glory in the highest!
Glory in the highest!
Glory in the highest!
Glory in the highest!**

2. Apart from You there is no god;
Light of the world,
The Bright and Morning Star.
Your name will shine for all to see;
You are the one,
You are our glory!

CHORUS

3. And no one else
Could ever compare
To You, Lord,
All the earth together declares:

**Glory in the highest!
Glory in the highest!
Glory in the highest,
To You, Lord,
To You, Lord!**

* **Sanctuary**

Writers Isaac Gay and Emily Kathryn Lindquist.

Alt. Colin and Micah Doughan.

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Let me see Your temple,
I would keep the door.
I would do whatever is asked of me
Just to be near the Lord.

I will make an altar,
I will shout your name.
I will give whatever I can to build
The house that holds your praise.

CHORUS

**We long to see Your sanctuary,
The place that carries Your presence.
We long to see Your sanctuary,
The place where earth meets with heaven.**

(Repeat verse and chorus)

* **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call out to you. Hear us as we come to you, confessing our sins, and seeking your mercy.

People: We have broken your holy laws by our actions, by our words, and by the sinful desires of our hearts.

Worship Leader: We confess that by breaking your laws we have not only sinned against you, but also against our families, friends, and neighbors.

People: Have mercy on us, Father. By your love and mercy, empower us to walk in the newness of life given to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who have been washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

BRIDGE

**Don't let sleep come to our eyes
Until this becomes Your resting place
This becomes Your resting place (Repeat)**

TAG

**This becomes Your resting place
This becomes Your resting place
This becomes-**

FINAL CHORUS

**We long to see Your sanctuary,
The ones that carry Your presence.
We long to see Your sanctuary,
The place where earth meets with heaven.**

*** From the Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee (Psalm 130)**

Music and lyrics by Krissy Nordhoff and Michael Neale.

1. From the depths of woe
I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee?
O who shall stand before Thee?

2. To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy;
And live alone by mercy.

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience;
I wait for it with patience.

4. Though great our sins
And sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow;
From all their sin and sorrow;
From all their sin and sorrow.

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 Connect Card at https://rmpca.org/connect_card.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

3-5 year olds are dismissed for Junior Church - Bible lesson and craft activity.

SCAN HERE TO GIVE



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - COMMUNITY GROUPS

**SCAN HERE FOR
CONNECT CARD**

Genesis 34

Pastor Chris Weniger

¹ Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the women of the land. ² And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. ³ And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. ⁴ So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, “Get me this girl for my wife.”

⁵ Now Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. But his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. ⁶ And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. ⁷ The sons of Jacob had come in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men were indignant and very angry, because he had done an outrageous thing in Israel by lying with Jacob’s daughter, for such a thing must not be done.

⁸ But Hamor spoke with them, saying, “The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife. ⁹ Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. ¹⁰ You shall dwell with us, and the land shall be open to you. Dwell and trade in it, and get property in it.” ¹¹ Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. ¹² Ask me for as great a bride-price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me. Only give me the young woman to be my wife.”

¹³ The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. ¹⁴ They said to them, “We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. ¹⁵ Only on this condition will we agree with you—that you will become as we are by every male among you being circumcised. ¹⁶ Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. ¹⁷ But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.”

¹⁸ Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor’s son Shechem. ¹⁹ And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob’s daughter. Now he was the most honored of all his father’s house. ²⁰ So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, ²¹ “These men are at peace with us; let them dwell in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters. ²² Only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us to become one people—when every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. ²³ Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us.”

²⁴ And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

The Defiling of Dinah: Great Sin, Greater God

Genesis 34

Pastor Chris Weniger

²⁵ On the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and came against the city while it felt secure and killed all the males. ²⁶ They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem's house and went away. ²⁷ The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. ²⁸ They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. ²⁹ All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and plundered.

³⁰ Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household." ³¹ But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?"

Sermon Notes

I. The Great Sin Against Dinah

II. The Great Sin of Jacob

III. The Great Sin of Simeon and Levi

IV. The Great Faithfulness of God

Genesis 35:1a

¹ God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there..."

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!

Based on 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.

*** 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

*** Benediction**

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOURNEY GROUP ORIENTATION — TODAY, AFTER SERVICE

Are you in a Journey Group beginning September 2025? Please join us in the basement **TODAY** after the worship service for this orientation.

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING — MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 6PM-7:30PM

This is the last summer youth group event. If you're going to start 6th-12th grade this fall, please join us for our Bowling Night at Main Event Thornton on **Monday, August 25, at 6pm!** Dinner will **NOT** be provided. You can sign up through the Church Center app, which also has the address. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Weniger (chris.weniger@rmpca.org).

HELP MATT AND SUSAN MOVE — MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, NOON-3PM

Come help our new Assistant Pastor of Family Discipleship Matt and his wife Susan move in on **Monday, September 1, at noon!** There will be light refreshments to keep up your strength. Their new address is 3875 W 118th Pl, Westminster, CO (here in Bradburn). You can register online or sign-up at the back of the sanctuary to let us know you are coming. If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Houde (admin@rmpca.org).

DENVER RESCUE MISSION MEAL SERVICE — SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Get out of your comfort zone to love and serve others by joining us in serving breakfast or lunch with the Denver Rescue Mission at The Crossing on Saturday, September 13. **Breakfast is 6:00am – 7:15am and lunch is 11:00am – 1:00pm.** Volunteers must be at least 12 years old. If you'd like to carpool from the church, let us know, and we can try to coordinate drivers and rides. Please sign up on the Church Center app or back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Collins (hcollins12417@gmail.com).

FALL KICKOFF — SEPTEMBER 7:

POTLUCK

Join us immediately after Worship Service for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Please sign up online or back of the sanctuary to bring a food item! We will meet at Brandywine South Park Shelter. If you have questions, please contact Krystal Houde (admin@rmpca.org).

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES, COMMUNITY GROUPS, JOURNEY GROUPS, YOUTH GROUP, WOMEN PRAY

Everything you love about RMPC is starting up again the week of September 7. There is one adult discipleship class - a study of 1 Corinthians. If you aren't in a community group, signups are available online or Info Table. If you aren't in a journey group or are new to youth group, speak to Chris Weniger (chris.weniger@rmpca.org). If you are unfamiliar with Women Pray, speak to Blue Olson (612-599-2094) or Katie Houde (949-702-0946).

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OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS – **Western Church Planting Network** **(WCPN)**

WCPN was founded in 2010 by a network of like-minded pastors and church planters with a vision to see a relational movement of church planting in Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. Since then, they have planted 13 new churches and have 4 more in the recruitment and training phases. Please pray for WCPN:

- Paul May and Merari Herrera, new WCPN church residents, as they prepare to launch a church in Aurora and a Spanish-speaking church in Denver, respectively.
- Chris and Kate Weniger as they prepare for Chris' WCPN residency. Pray for wisdom, preparation, and encouragement for them.
- That God would provide wisdom and guidance to WCPN leadership, as they guide the church planting efforts throughout Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. Pray for wisdom for WCPN's vision-casting process as they plan for the future.
- That God would continue to provide WCPN with the funds it needs to support church plants and church planters.
- That God would raise up church planters and equip those who are currently planting churches or completing their residency.
- That God would use WCPN to spread the gospel throughout Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana.



Merari Herrera,
WPN Church Resident

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund -

Dec. 2024 - July 2025

Giving: \$484,207

Budget: \$454,842

Difference: \$29,365

Faith Promise Pledge

(Missions and Outreach)

May 2025 - April 2026

Giving: \$15,062

Goal: \$55,424

Building in Faith

October 2022 - July 2025

Pledged: \$995,597

Giving: \$1,028,352

Remaining: \$0

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.			30	31 Parks & Playmates Sandstone Ranch 10am	1 NO Women Pray	2
3 Faith Day at Rockies	4	5	6	7	8 NO Women Pray	9
Pickle Gulch					Pickle Gulch Camping Weekend	
10 Erie CG 6pm	11	12	13	14	15 NO Women Pray	16
17 Erie CG 6pm	18	19	20	21	22 NO Women Pray	23
24 • JG Orientation • Erie CG 6pm	25 Youth Bowling 6pm	26	27	28	29 NO Women Pray	30
31 Erie CG 6pm						

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