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The Supremacy of Christ in Hebrews



Rocky Mountain Presbyterian Church
July 26, 2026

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 Connect Card with your contact information and/or prayer requests. Place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. If you have an urgent prayer request, you can email it to admin@rmppca.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.

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* **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

Lyrics by George Matheson. Music by Christopher Miner.
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1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Worship Leader: For he is our God,

People: And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:6-7

*** Lift High the Cross**

Music and lyrics by George W. Kitchin, 1887.

Revised by Michael R. Newbolt, 1916.

Alt. 1990 Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916.

REFRAIN

**Lift high the cross,
The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.**

1. Come, brethren,
Follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious; Christ the Son of God.

REFRAIN

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God
In conquering ranks combine.

REFRAIN

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised,
Draw the world to thee.

REFRAIN

4. Thy Kingdom come,
That earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

REFRAIN

*** Thy Mercy My God**

Music by Sandra McCracken. Lyrics by John Stoker.

1. Thy mercy, My God,
Is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart,
And boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone,
From the first to the last,
Hath won my affections
And bound my soul fast.

2. Without thy sweet mercy
I could not live here,
Sin soon would reduce me
To utter despair;
But, through thy free goodness,
My spirits revive
And he that first made me,
Still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than
A match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel
Its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness,
I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise
Of the mercy I found.

4. Great Father of mercies,
Thy goodness I own,
And the cov'nant love
Of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit
Whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy and pardon
And righteousness mine!

TAG

**All praise to the Spirit
Whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy and pardon
And righteousness mine!**

*** CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Heavenly Father, you see us as we are. You know our every thought and the depth of our hearts. And we confess that we do not deserve your gracious care.

People: We forget that all life comes from you, and all life returns to you. And we do not love or obey you with our whole hearts.

Worship Leader: We do not live as your grateful children. We do not love as Christ has loved us.

People: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who are no longer slaves, but are sons and daughters of God, and heirs according to promise, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

Exodus 34:6-7

* **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Music and lyrics by Martin Luther, 1527.

Translated by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853.

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
Through Him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

OFFERING AND PASTORAL PRAYER



CONNECT CARD



CHURCH CENTER



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GIVE**



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TO CHURCH PLANT**

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

God's Fatherly Discipline
Hebrews 12:4-11
Pastor Shane Michael Waldron

⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.
⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Sermon Notes

Main Idea: This passage explains two reasons we should welcome God's discipline.

I. Discipline Comes from Our Father Who Loves Us

II. Discipline Helps Us Grow in Holiness

The Lord's Supper¹

Minister: Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the same loaf.

Minister: Is not the cup for which we give thanks a sharing in the blood of Christ?

People: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

All: Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of his resurrection, in the hope that he will come again, we present ourselves as living sacrifices, and come to the table of our Lord.

Based on 1 Corinthians 11

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.

¹ Music During the Distribution of the Elements

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Nichole Nordeman Version.

*** Lord, I Need You**

Music and lyrics by Matt Maher.

1. Lord I come, I confess;
Bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart;
You're the one that guides my heart.

CHORUS

Lord, I need You, oh I need You!
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

2. Where sin runs deep,
Your grace is more;
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord I am free;
Holiness is Christ in me.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

So teach my song to rise to You,
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You;
Jesus You're my hope and stay.

CHORUS

TAG

My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

*** Benediction**

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

People: And also with you.

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ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS — LAST DAY TO NOMINATE

Nominations for the office of elder and deacon are being accepted through today. To nominate someone, fill out a nomination form available on the home page of the Church Center app. For more information on the qualifications for being an elder or deacon, refer to the nomination form on the home page of the Church Center app. You can also speak to any elder, pastor, or deacon.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN — FRIDAY, JULY 31, 6PM - SATURDAY, AUG 1, 9AM

Rising middle and high school students, please join us for our Summer Lock-In! The Lock-In will run from **Friday, July 31, at 6:00pm until Saturday, August 1, at 9:00am.** We'll enjoy dinner, Bible study, prayer, and lots of awesome games! Please sign up on Church Center. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Williams (matt.williams@rmpca.org).

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT — SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 4PM-7:15PM

Rising high school students (must be 14+), join us for our Summer Service Project! We'll serve dinner at Denver Rescue Mission's 48th Ave location, then grab dinner as a group at Chick-Fil-A on our way back. **Drop off at RMPC Saturday, August 8, at 4pm, and pickup at RMPC at 7:15pm.** Space is limited to 6 students, so please RSVP by emailing Matt Williams (matt.williams@rmpca.org).

COMMUNICANTS CLASS — SUNDAYS AUGUST 9, 16, 23, 30, 9AM-9:45AM

Beginning the second Sunday in August for four weeks, Pastor Tim Van Lant will lead a communicants class for all children who are interested. Classes will run **August 9, 16, 23, and 30.** The classes will take place before the regular worship service from **9am to 9:45am** and will be held in the church basement, 4th-5th Grade classroom. Parents must sign up by the deadline. Deadline for signing up is **August 6, 5pm.** Any questions, contact Pastor Tim (tim.vanlant@rmpca.org).

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OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS — Redeemer Longmont

Please pray for Redeemer Longmont and Pastors Justin Chappell, Paul Ranheim and Ryan Sutherland:

- Praise that Redeemer Longmont is on their way to becoming a church planting church! They will welcome their first church planting resident in September. Pray that God would give them wisdom and the resources they need for the church plant.
- Pray for Redeemer Longmont as they begin to identify candidates for elders and deacons and begin training in the fall, looking ahead to particularization in fall 2027!
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Redeemer Longmont as they search for a permanent facility and determine future plans.
- Pray that God would bless the preaching and evangelism ministry at the church and in their community.
- Pray that God would provide the resources that Redeemer Longmont needs, volunteers, leaders and funding.



Pastor Paul Ranheim and wife Lizzy

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund

Dec. 2025-May 2026

Giving: \$304,803

Budget: \$375,618

Difference: \$-70,815

Faith Promise Pledge

(Missions and Outreach)

May 2026 - April 2027

Giving: \$3,285

Goal: \$57,242

Building in Faith

Oct. 2022 - May 2026

Pledged: \$995,597

Giving: \$1,137,756

Remaining: \$0

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CG = Community Group • Interested in CG? Contact admin@rmpca.org . • For a full list of RMPCA ministries, refer to rmpca.org , or the Church Center app.			1 Parks & Playmates 9:30am	2	3 Cindy Pietsch Memorial Service 1pm	4
5 Erie CG 5pm	6	7	8 Parks & Playmates 9:30am	9	10	11
12 Erie CG 5pm	13	14	15 Parks & Playmates 9:30am	16	17	18
19 Erie CG 5pm	20	21	22 Parks & Playmates 9:30am	23	24	25
26 Erie CG 5pm	27	28 Women's CG - 5:30pm	29 Parks & Playmates 9:30am	30	31	1
Pickle Gulch					Pickle Gulch Camping Weekend	
					Youth Group Lock-In 6pm - 9am	

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