## PRAYER & MEDITATION

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

— Jeremiah 23:5-6 —

## | CALL TO WORSHIP\* | Psalm 18:2-3

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

## | PSALM OF PRAISE\* | Psalter p. 82 Psalm 96, tune: "All Hail the Power"

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

## | READING OF GOD'S LAW | Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all grace and mercy, you have called us to imitate you as your beloved children, and to follow in the steps of our Savior who gave himself for us. We know this is pleasing in your sight, yet we confess that we have failed to follow you fully. Instead of living as beloved children, we have harbored selfishness, impatience and bitterness in our hearts. We have been slow to love and forgive and quick to judge. Forgive us, Lord, for our failure to live as your beloved children, wash us again by your Spirit that we might live for the one who gave himself up for us, in whose name we pray, Amen.

#### | SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN |

\*Congregation stands if able

#### PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS | Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

> | HYMN OF TRUST\* | Hymnal #307 "Nothing but the Blood"

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH WCF 15.1

MINISTER: How is the sinner justified by God?

ALL: Those whom God effectually calls, He also freely justifies: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PEOPLE: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

> | HYMN OF MEDITATION\* | Hymnal #339 "For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

OFFERING

# SERMON TEXT\* | Titus 3:4-7

PASTOR: The grass withers, the flower fades, PEOPLE: But the word of our God will stand forever.

| SERMON | Rev. Seth Miller

"A Trustworthy Saying"

| HYMN OF RESPONSE\* | "I Once Was a Stranger" (tune: My Jesus I love thee)

When free grace awoke me by light from on high, Then legal fears shook me; I trembled to die. No refuge, no safety in self could I see; Jehovah Tsidkenu my Savior must be!

My terrors all vanished before the sweet name; My guilty fears banished, with boldness I came To drink at the fountain, life giving and free. "Jehovah Tsidkenu" is all things to me!

E'en treading the valley, the shadow of death, This "watchword" shall rally my faltering breath; For while from life's fever my God sets me free, "Jehovah Tsidkenu" my death song shall be.

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

You will be released to receive the elements at the front of the room. Wine is dark in color and grape juice is light in color.

| A WORD TO PARENTS | Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession and have been received as communing members by the elders of the church to which their parents belong.

| HYMN OF THANKS\* | Hymnal #731 "Doxology"

# | BENEDICTION\* | Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

I once was a stranger to grace and to God, I knew not my danger, and felt not my load; Though friends spoke in rapture of Christ on the tree, Jehovah Tsidkenu was nothing to me.

Like tears from the daughters of Zion that roll, I wept when the waters went over His soul; Yet thought not that my sins had nailed to the tree "Jehovah Tsidkenu" — 'twas nothing to me.

# | ANNOUNCEMENTS |

#### We appreciate your help in gathering any nearby communion cups and bulletins and disposing of them in the receptacles as you leave.

| Welcome Visitors! | We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. We are delighted you are here and are available to answer any questions you may have about our worship service, our church, or even the gospel of Jesus Christ. We would love to connect with you and keep you updated each week - please fill out a contact card, located next to the bulletins, or visit **immanuelpca.org** and select '**contact us**' so that we can stay in touch.

| Nursery Available | A nursery is available downstairs for children ages 1-3 for parents who would like to make use of it during the service. Additionally, a private cry room/nursing mother's room is located near the back of the nursery.

# | NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMONS |

Rev. Seth Miller will be preaching on Titus 3:8-11 in the morning, and on Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20 in the evening.

| EVENING WORSHIP | Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 90:1, 12

HYMN OF PRAISE: To God Be the Glory #55

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF THANKS: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #252

READING THE CATECHISM: WSC 99

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 10

PSALM OF MEDITATION: Psalm 39:7-13, tune: "Abide with Me"

SERMON TEXT: Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

SERMON: "The Great Equalizer" - Rev. Seth Miller

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Take My Life and Let it Be #585

**BENEDICTION:** Romans 16:20

# | SERMON NOTES |

"A Trustworthy Saying" — Titus 3:4-7 —

I. THE SOURCE OF OUR SALVATION

II. THE MEANS OF OUR SALVATION

**III. THE RESULT OF OUR SALVATION** 



|THE LORD'S DAY |

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