

| SERMON NOTES |

“Kings and Queens”

— Esther 1 —

I. THE SPECTACLE OF SPLENDOR

II. THE SURPRISE OF SHAME

**IMMANUEL**

Presbyterian Church | PCA

| THE LORD'S DAY EVENING |

APRIL 12, 2026

**| CALL TO WORSHIP\* |**

Psalm 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**| PSALM OF PRAISE\* |** Psalter p. 54

Psalm 67, tune: "All Glory Laud and Honor"

**| PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\* |**

**| HYMN OF THANKS\* |** Hymnal #111

"This Is My Father's World"

**| READING THE CONFESSION |**

Westminster Confession of Faith 10.1

Q. What do you believe about effectual calling?

A. **All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ: enlightening their minds, spiritually and savingly, to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them an heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by His almighty power determining them to that which is good; and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.**

**| OLD TESTAMENT READING |**

Ezekiel 44

MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**| HYMN OF MEDITATION\* |** Hymnal #457

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**| SERMON TEXT\* |** Esther 1

**| SERMON |** Rev. Seth Miller

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**| HYMN OF RESPONSE\* |** Hymnal #295

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

**| BENEDICTION\* |**

Psalm 67:1

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.