

| PRAYER & MEDITATION |

Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.
— 2 Timothy 1:8 —

| CALL TO WORSHIP* |

Psalm 27:1,6

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

| HYMN OF PRAISE* | Hymnal #92

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

| PRAYER OF PRAISE* |

| READING OF GOD’S LAW |

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

ELDER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

| CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN |

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your forgiveness. In times of hardship, we have not lived with hope. We have believed that you have forsaken and forgotten us. In times of tribulation, we have been impatient. We admit that we have not waited on you in prayer, but instead have trusted in our own strength to meet our needs. Restore us to the joy of our salvation. Sustain us according to your love in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

| SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN |

| PROMISE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS |

Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

| HYMN OF TRUST* | Hymnal #94

“How Firm a Foundation”

| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH |

WLC 182

ELDER: How doth the Spirit help us to pray?

ALL: We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helpeth our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.

| 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.

| PSALM OF MEDITATION* | Psalter p. 1

Psalm 2, tune: “Jesus Lover of My Soul”

| OFFERING |

| SERMON TEXT* | Acts 4:1-31

PASTOR: The grass withers, and the flower falls,

PEOPLE: But the word of our God stands forever.

| SERMON | Rev. Michael Howard

“Boldness and Prayer in the Face of Opposition”

| HYMN OF RESPONSE* |

“Behold the Lamb” (Communion Hymn)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
**So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.**

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
**So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.**

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
**So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.**

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
**As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.**

| 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 of faith 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* |

2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ.

*Congregation stands if able

| ANNOUNCEMENTS |

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

If needed, there are hearing assisted devices available at the sound booth.

*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.*

| 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.

| Church Park Day | Mark your calendars for Saturday, **August 15th** when we will have our annual church park day at Q'emiln Park in Post Falls from **10am-4pm**. There will be opportunities to swim, play games, and fellowship. We will plan to eat lunch at noon, so please bring a side or dessert to share!

| NEXT SUNDAY’S SERMONS |

Rev. Seth Miller will be preaching on John 14:15-31 in the morning, and on Psalm 4 in the evening.

| EVENING |

| CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 29:2

| PSALM OF PRAISE | All People That On Earth Do Dwell #1

| PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Psalm 12

| HYMN OF THANKS | Rock of Ages #499

| READING THE CONFESSION | WCF 14.1

| OLD TESTAMENT READING | 1 Samuel 5

| HYMN OF MEDITATION | I Love Thy Kingdom Lord #353

| SERMON TEXT | Acts 5:12-42

| SERMON | “The Church Under Persecution” - Rev. Michael Howard

| HYMN OF RESPONSE | Onward Christian Soldiers #572

| BENEDICTION | Psalm 29:11

| SERMON NOTES |

“Boldness and Prayer in the Face of Opposition”
— Acts 4:1-31 —

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| THE LORD’S DAY |

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