

| PRAYER & MEDITATION |

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

— Hebrews 11:13-14 —

| CALL TO WORSHIP* | Psalm 105:3-6

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

| PSALM OF PRAISE* | Psalter p. 38
Psalm 46, tune: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

| PRAYER OF PRAISE* |

| READING OF GOD’S LAW | 1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

| CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN |

Gracious God, and merciful Lord, forgive our sins for they are many. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have been too cowardly to tell. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us, create in our hearts a new desire after repentance and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

| SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN |

| PROMISE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS | Romans 5:6-8

But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

*Congregation stands if able

| HYMN OF TRUST* | Hymnal #461
“Not What My Hands Have Done”

| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | WSC 37

MINISTER: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

ALL: **The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

| 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 #699
“Like a River Glorious”

| OFFERING |

| SERMON TEXT* | Genesis 23

PASTOR: The grass withers, the flower fades,

PEOPLE: **But the word of our God will stand forever.**

| SERMON | Rev. Seth Miller

“Hope In Death”

| HYMN OF RESPONSE* |
“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

**O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh? Unto the shore, the rock of Christ

**O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!”

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore

**O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

| 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* | Revelation 1:4-6

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth, to him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

| 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.

| Prayer Service | Join us this Sunday evening during our regular service time for the singing of psalms and hymns, readings from Scripture, and the Shorter Catechism, followed by an extended time of corporate prayer as we gather to pray for one another and the needs of our church.

| NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMONS |

Rev. Seth Miller will be preaching on Genesis 24 in the morning, and Matthew 5:33-37 in the evening.

| EVENING WORSHIP |
Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 69:30-32

PSALM OF PRAISE: Psalm 45:1-7, tune: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF THANKS: How Firm a Foundation #94

READING THE CATECHISM: WSC 34

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 20

HYMN OF MEDITATION: Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus #679

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Doxology

BENEDICTION: 1 Thesalonians 3:16

| SERMON NOTES |

"Hope in Death"
— Genesis 23 —

I. GRIEVING THE LOSS

II. GREETING THE LAND

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| THE LORD'S DAY |

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