SUMMER PSALTER REV. MICHAEL LASHLEY NEPC SERMON SERIES SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

Sermon Title: "When Darkness Seems to Overcome the Light"

(#8 in the Sermon Series)

Scripture text: Psalm 88

Outline:

- 1. Our Experience of Darkness
- 2. Christ's Experience of Darkness
- 3. Our Response to Darkness



Questions:

- 1. What makes Psalm 88 different from other lament psalms?
- 2. Have you ever had a season in your life when you experienced the kind of distress and anguish described here? What was it like?
- 3. How did Christ Jesus experience darkness in His own life?
- 4. Why do you think some people are not comfortable with the words of this psalm? Why might this be seen as a lack of faith? Why might it be viewed as an expression of faith?
- 5. Read Hebrews 5:7-9. When you think about Christ as your High Priest, how does this passage bring you comfort?
- 6. In the times of your life when you have gone through suffering, what do you typically find to be most helpful? Do you tend to focus more on the Presence of Christ with you in the moment, or on the future glory in heaven that awaits you? Why are both of these important?