



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Hope in Darkness

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Moment of Preparation – *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

WE PRAISE & THANK GOD

Call to Worship

#282 – Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:11-12

#558 - Gloria Patri

Offertory - *Praise*

Prayers of the People

Men's Chorus

Paul Reader

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

He Will Hold Me Fast

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:1-3a

Frani Hitzelberger

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

God of the Nations

Zephaniah 2:1-15

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

#479 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

The Apostles' Creed

Sacrament of Communion

The elements served during communion this morning are gluten free.

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

His Mercy Is More

Benediction

Postlude

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Question: Why should we seek the Lord?

I. A Call to Seek the Lord (vs. 1-3)

II. A 360-degree Tour of Judah's Neighbors (4-15)

- A. The Whole World Stands Under God's Judgment
- B. The Hopelessness of Turning to Others
- C. Even in Judgement God is Accomplishing His Plan for His People
- D. Our Only Hope in the Face of Judgement – The Gospel

Point to Ponder: It is never fun to hear of judgement – but avoidance doesn't make it disappear. Those who know Jesus understand that our sin was placed on Him – he paid the price for it (2 Cor. 5:10 & 21). Is this true for you?

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series entitled *Hope in Darkness*, by considering **Zephaniah 3:1-20** 'The End of Despair.'

