

Call to Worship – We are Here to Lament

Inspired by Psalm 59:1-2

Many times when we come to worship
we come to express gratitude, joy, and praise.
Today we set aside this time for sacred lament.
We are here to lament violence and oppression that target women
and oppose God's vision of
justice,
wholeness,
and reconciliation for all.

In the words of the psalmist we pray,
Rescue us from our enemies, O God.
Protect us from those who attack.
Rescue us from the ones who love violence
and save us from the powers of evil.
Come near as we move into a space of vulnerability.
Whether we have experienced violence or oppression,
perpetrated violence or oppression,
or are just beginning to learn of its pain,
hold us fast and keep us safe.
In you, we put our trust. Amen.

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