

Communal Lament – Let the Rhythm Connect Us

(Designate one person to begin this segment by beating a drum, or ringing tones on a bell or chimes, one beat per second. Do this for one minute.)

Listen to the sound of the drum *(or bell)*.

Let the rhythm of the drum echo the beating of your heart,
the beating of our hearts.

Let the rhythm of the drum connect us to our Creator, our Mother, our Father.

Let the rhythm of the drum connect us to each other, gathered here today.

Let the rhythm of the drum connect us to sisters around the world.

As we gather in strength, we acknowledge brokenness.

We bring our wholeness to this circle.

We bring our brokenness and the brokenness of this world.

For all is not well.

All are not whole.

(Pause)

Today we remember Tamar, a violated woman.

We hold her story.

We hold our own.

We hold each other. Amen.

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