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Be welcome. Be accepted. Be loved.

EXILE

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Dave McNeely

“Lament in the Bible is a liturgical response to the reality of suffering and engages God in the context of pain and trouble.” - Soong-Chan Rah, *Prophetic Lament: A Call for Justice in Troubled Times*

“It is our shared conviction that lament, particularly biblical lament, provides the church with a rhetoric for prayer and reflection that befits these volatile times, a rhetoric that mourns loss, examines complicity in evil, cries for divine help, and sings and prays with hope. For indeed, what ultimately shapes biblical lament is not the need of the creature to cry its woe, but the faithfulness of the God who hears and acts.” - Sally Brown and Patrick Miller, *Lament: Reclaiming Practices in Pulpit, Pew, and Public Square*

In the space below, write your own lament. You might want to write about the things causing pain and grief in your own life, but you may also wish to consider writing about the things causing pain and grief in the lives of others right now. (And you may just want to incorporate this practice into your regular prayer life!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GROUP - TUESDAY @ 7:30PM

Meeting in our church worship area, we will study I Peter, and our discussions will run concurrently with Dave's winter sermon series. Participants will need a good updated scripture translation and the following resources:

- I and II Peter and Jude for Everyone - Bible Study Guide by N.T. Wright
- New Testament Everyday Bible Study Series by Scot McKnight on I and II Peter and Jude

BLANKETS COLLECTION & DISTRIBUTION

It's that time of year to start collecting blankets so we can give them away when the weather starts to get cold. Take a look for any gently used blankets and keep your eyes open for sales and start bringing them in!

- Blanket distribution sign up on the table

COMMUNITY FOOD BOXES

Sign up for food boxes for this year! Sign up sheet is on the table at the back.

PRAYER

Your church family wants to pray for you. *Send prayer requests to Terri Bradshaw at:*
terri@eklovetwell.org

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