week beginning September 13, 2020

LIFE TOGETHER

with the People of Franklin United Methodist Church

Welcome & Introductions

"How is it with you?"

How are you feeling?
How is your faith? your family? your health?
Are you struggling or celebrating?
Are you grieving or rejoicing?
Are you questioning faith?
Where have you found inspiration?

Praying Together

Lamentations 2

Writing Our Own Lament

The Book of Lamentations includes five poems. The first four poems are an acrostic. They use the Hebrew Alphabet, comprised of 22 letters, to provide the structural bounds of the poem. This provides a defined beginning and end to the lament.

Before starting your lament, consider what structure it will take so that it has a clear beginning and end. Here are some potential structures to use:

- Consider writing seven lines—the first six representative of the six days of creation and the last as the first Sabbath.
- Like the poems in the Book of Lamentations, use the 26 letters of the alphabet to frame your lament.
- Consider using a word (any word!) to frame your lament. Use one letter from the word to start each line of your lament.

The opening poem (Lamentations 1) is a poem of lament that protest that names what is wrong in God's world—Daughter Zion lies in ruins. **What is something you see that is wrong in God's world?** What you see as wrong could be something personal or communal.

Write your lament or protest—naming what is wrong in God's world. Do not forget to use the structure you chose from above. We will share our laments on Thursday.

Final Thoughts?

'Till We Meet Again

my lament