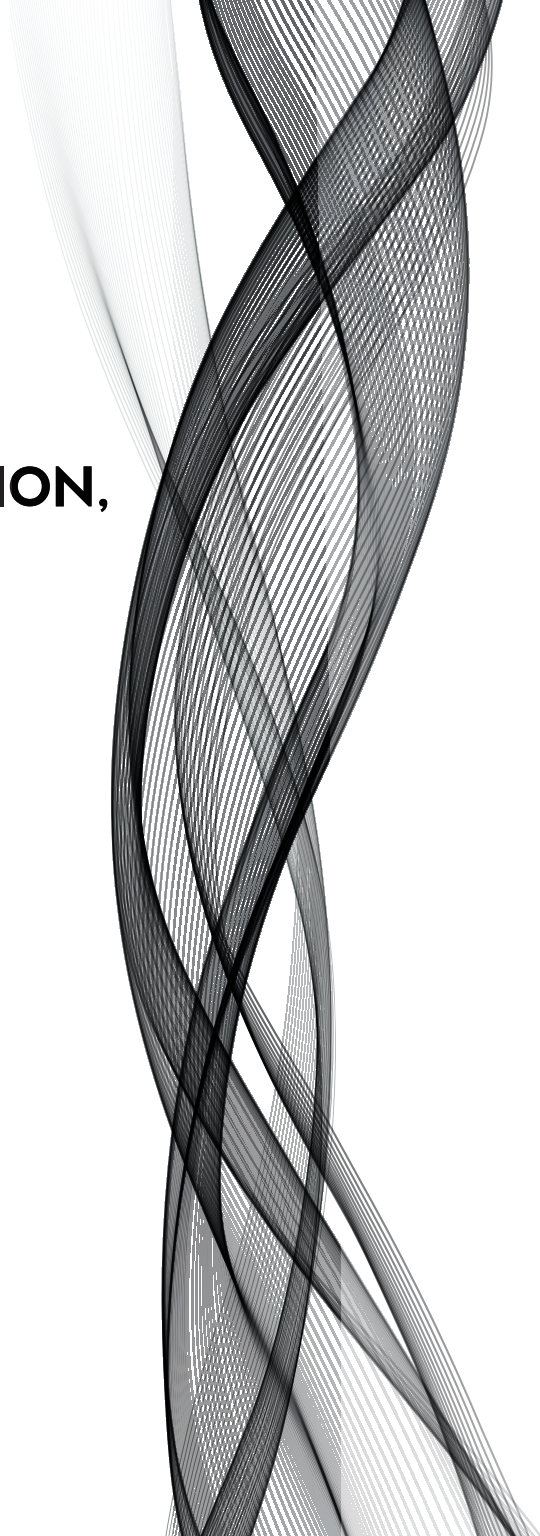


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**SERVICE OF  
LAMENT, CONFESSION,  
AND COMMITMENT**

Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount  
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary  
Elkhart, Indiana 46517



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Instrumental musical gathering . . . . . Laurie Blough

### **LAMENTING**

Welcome . . . . . David Miller, Katrina Siegrist

Song: *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (p. 5) . . . . . Rebecca Slough  
Janeen Bertsche Johnson

Opening prayer . . . . . David Miller, Katrina Siegrist

A Psalm of Lament for Abused Women . . . . . Martha Smith Good

Silence

Song: *You are our God* (p. 6) . . . . . Music group

Silence

### **CONFESSING, APOLOGIZING, AND COMMITTING**

Song: *In words of truth* (p. 7) . . . . . Rebecca Slough

Words of confession and apology . . . . . Evelyn Shellenberger  
Sara Wenger Shenk

Song: *Oh, God have mercy* (p. 8). . . . . Rebecca Slough

Words of commitment and humility

David Brubacher, Ron Guengerich, Board representatives  
AMBS Employees

Song: *Oh, God have mercy* (p. 8). . . . . Rebecca Slough

Family comments

Song: *Oh, God have mercy* (p. 8). . . . . Rebecca Slough

Bearing witness to what we have heard . . . . . Martha Smith Good  
Silence

**SPEAKING TRUTH AND SEEKING GRACE**

Prayer . . . . . Ted Koontz  
Song: *Healer of our every ill* (p. 9) . . . . . Rebecca Slough

**TRUSTING AND HOPING**

Scripture Text: Isaiah 61:1–4 . . . . . David Miller  
The year of the Lord’s favor . . . . . Sara Wenger Shenk  
Song: *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* (p. 11) . . . . Rebecca Slough  
Closing words . . . . . David Miller, Katrina Siegrist  
    Mennonite Church USA fund for victims of sexual abuse  
    Invitation to the reception  
Benediction . . . . . David Miller, Katrina Siegrist  
Closing music . . . . . Laurie Blough

## RESOURCE PEOPLE

### Companions

Sally Glick provides spiritual guidance for groups and individuals and serves as pastor/congregational doula for Open Table Mennonite Fellowship in Goshen.

Nina Bartelt Lanctot has been a pastor and spiritual director in Michiana for almost 25 years. She has worked with Ann Gingrich and others to foster healing for people living with the effects of abuse.

Joan Yoder Miller has been a spiritual director in Elkhart County for 36 years with a certificate in spiritual direction from Shalem Institute (1985)

Linda Lehman Thomas, a graduate of AMBS, is a spiritual director, gestalt pastoral care minister, and codirector of Pathways Retreat in Goshen.

### Leaders

Laurie Blough is organist at Plymouth United Church of Christ, Goshen, and audits courses at AMBS.

David Miller learned to become a listener and an ally for victims of sexual abuse during his years of pastoral ministry. He continues the work of mission and justice through his teaching as Associate Professor of Missional Leadership Development at AMBS.

Katrina Siegrist is a 2014 AMBS graduate with a Master of Divinity concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling; she is serving a Clinical Pastoral Education residency at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Rebecca Slough serves as Associate Professor of Worship and the Arts and Academic Dean at AMBS. She and Patricia Plude will lead a workshop on lament and healing at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City in July.

Ted Koontz taught ethics and peace studies at AMBS from 1982 to 2014. He was a faculty colleague of John Howard Yoder from 1982 to 1984, serving under President Marlin Miller until Miller's sudden death in 1994. Although slow to grasp the gravity of Yoder's abuse, since the early 1990s he has opposed sexual abuse by Yoder and others. He is a member of the Mennonite Church USA "Discernment Group."

Martha Smith Good (Master of Divinity 1977, Goshen Biblical Seminary) was a pastor for more than 30 years and was confidant of abused women. A part of the generation of women harmed by Yoder, she now joins the new AMBS generation seeking to restore justice and move toward healing and improved transparency.

Sara Wenger Shenk began as President of AMBS in 2010. Previously she served as Associate Professor of Christian Practices and Associate Dean at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va. She serves as co-chair of the MC USA Discernment Group, convened to care for victims of Yoder's sexual abuse and to advocate against sexual abuse in the Mennonite Church.

David Brubacher from Vineland, Ont., and Ron Guengerich from Goshen, currently serve on the AMBS Board of Directors.

Evelyn (Evie) Shellenberger served on the Goshen Biblical Seminary (GBS) board from 1976 to 1987, and served a chair from 1983 to 1987.

Saejin Lee, artist, graduated from Goshen College in 2011, studying Fine Arts, Music, and Bible/Religion/Philosophy. Her artwork explores the theme of *holy wounds* that reflect life's resilience in the shadow of pervasive death.

Singers: Daniel Grimes, Loren Johns, Janeen Bertsche Johnson, Jeff Miller, Kathy Nofziger Yeakey, Ron Ringenberg, Eileen Saner, Colleen White

## **Ushers**

Loren Johns, Jewel Gingrich Longenecker, Jeff Miller, Ben Ollenburger,  
Ron Ringenberg, Eileen Saner, Missy Kauffman Schrock