

Benton Mennonite Church

April 25 2021

Worship leader: Patty Nofziger

Song leader: Lyn Buschert

Preacher: Gloria Showalter

Children's focus: Rich Meyer

Peace prayer: LaJane Yoder

Scripture Reader: Ashley Fecher

Call to Worship: Dave Miller

Reading: Elaina Youngberg

Today

- 9am: Brenda will host a 25-minute Sunday school for children in grades 1-5. Families will receive a Zoom link.
- 9am: For young children, Rich will host a Zoom check-in. Families will receive a Zoom link.
- 9:30am: Worship through Zoom. Follow the invitation found in the email. Contact Doug for assistance.

Psalms of the heart:

Offering hope to a depressed heart – depression, suicide

Welcome

Peace prayer

VT 600 *O Thou, in Whose Presence*

Call to worship

Children's focus

VT 552 *As a Deer in Want of Water*

Scripture Psalm 42

Reading

Scripture Psalm 43

Message *The Shadow Teacher*

STS 84 *So much wrong*

Offering our gifts

Sharing and prayer

Announcements and introductions

VT 42 *Could It Be That God Is Singing*

Benediction

Breakout rooms

Next Sunday

- Doug will preach on "Hearing & Holding an Afflicted Heart – Grief, Emotional Pain" connected with Psalm 102.
- Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum Song Leader: Lyn Buschert

This week

Saturday, 8:30 – 11:30am, Church Workday. Mostly work outside in a socially-distanced manner. Landscaping, weeding, and spreading gravel. Bring flat and curved shovels. Masks are expected.

From the pastor - Doug:

I remember where I was when I heard the guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin case in the murder of George Floyd. Probably most of us do. I was preparing with three colleagues to meet a staff member of Senator Braun to talk about how he is addressing climate justice. I felt great relief and a sense that we are moving towards greater accountability and justice.

I contrast this outcome with what happened decades before when the officers who mercilessly beat Rodney King were acquitted on all charges. I lived in Los Angeles at the time and as the city erupted at this unjust decision, I came within half a block of the place where Reginald Denny was beaten. A number of businesses in our neighborhood were burned to the ground. All these memories and feelings came flooding back with this decision.

But somehow society seems to be bending towards healing and justice for all people, no matter their race or culture or status. I am reminded of the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.: "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." But as King also reminded us in his letter from a Birmingham Jail, that does not mean sitting back and letting things happen. People of goodwill must keep working towards justice.

The pastors are not keeping regular office hours. Feel free to call with pastoral care concerns, prayer requests, personal updates, and announcements. Steve Johns is in the office on Fridays.

Brenda will be on vacation from Thursday (29) through Tuesday (4), visiting family in South Dakota.

Offering, April 18 2021

Weekly received: \$1,660
Weekly expected: \$3,020
Difference: (\$1,360)

YTD received: \$43,201
YTD expected: \$48,320
Difference: (\$5,119)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$95,675
Total received: \$271,717

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Estimated attendance for April 18: 51

*Announcements can be sent to office@bentonchurch.org or called into the office.
All information is due by 7pm, Thursday.*



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*Relying on the Spirit,
we will love as Jesus loves,
pursuing God's peace
at the river and
at the table.*

A large version of the Benton Mennonite Church logo, featuring the name "Benton" in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font, with "Mennonite Church" in a smaller, blue sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of three overlapping, curved, light blue waves that sweep from the bottom left towards the top right.

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