

Benton Mennonite Church

November 7 2021

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Speaker:** John Mischler
Song leader: Lyn Buschert **Children's focus:** Ashley Johar
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Who cares about climate change?

Welcome

Gathering song
VT 103

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Peace prayer

Call to worship

VT 197

God's Glory Fills the Heavens

VT 175

Planets Humming as They Wander

Children's focus

Birthday recognition

Scripture

Psalm 19:1-6

Sermon

*Learning the Stories of the Earth:
climate past and climate future*

Response song

Sharing and response

Prayer

Introductions and announcements

Sending song
VT 843

May the Peace of Christ

Today

- At the conclusion of the children's focus preschool children will be dismissed for activities in the old (east) foyer. School-age children are invited to find quiet activities at the back of the sanctuary.
- 11am, "End-of-life" conversation: *Advance care plan for a peaceful departure*. Decisions to make in case of being incapacitated, back of the sanctuary.

Next Sunday

- Doug will preach the final sermon in our climate series on "Climate Hope" connected with Romans 8:18-28.
- 11am, "End-of-life" conversation: *What to do with my body*. Choices for burial: regular, cremation, green.
- After worship, Glo Showalter will lead a session on listening and connecting with leadership structure at Benton, focused on those under 40ish. This is a continuation of the session at the congregational meeting and a third one will happen on November 21.

Upcoming event

Sunday December 5, Congregational meeting.

Announcements

Here at Benton

Today during announcements we will invite nominations for several leadership roles in the congregation: Pastoral team member connected to FellowShip, copilots for FellowShip, DiscipleShip, and WorShip. If you are not able to nominate someone today please send a form to one of the pastors this week.

Last Sunday Doug talked about Project Drawdown that analyzes the most effective ways to bring carbon emissions not just to zero, but to where we absorb more greenhouse gases than we emit. Learn more by visiting the website or buying the book. The site includes a table of solutions where you can click to rank the solutions according to what is most effective.

<https://drawdown.org/solutions/table-of-solutions>.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Song leader:** Lyn Buschert
Greeters: Orv and LaJane Yoder

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Attendance for Sunday October 31

Total: 65

Visitors: 2

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Friday

Doug: Friday

Steve: Friday

Monday to Wednesday Doug and Brenda are at the Indiana-Michigan Conference pastors gathering at Amigo Centre.

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

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



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