

# Benton Mennonite Church

April 24 2022 *Second Sunday of Easter*

**Worship leader:** Jerrol Shaum  
**Song leader:** Lyn Buschert  
**Scripture reader:** LaJane Yoder

**Speaker:** Doug Kaufman  
**Peace prayer:** Mary Grove  
**Childcare:** Barb Meyer-Reed

## *Earth Day Weekend*

COVID candle lighting

Silence and reflection

Gathering

VT 361

*Christ Who Left His Home in Glory*

Peace prayer

Welcome and invocation

Call to worship

VT 353

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

VT 539

*God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song*

Offering

Children dismissed

Confession

VT 550

*God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Sermon

*Touching the resurrection*

Song of response

Congregational sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

Sending

VT 777

*Seeds*

## Today

- Today we continue the Easter Season with the theme “The Gospel of All Creatures.” This early Anabaptist teaching is found in several passages throughout the season, such as next Sunday in Revelation 5:13 with “every creature...singing.” The Bible envisions all creation praising God and all creation participating in the resurrection. What does that mean for we

humans, God’s most articulate creatures (so far as we know)? How do we take our rightful role as keeper and co-creator with all creation?

## Next Sunday

- Doug will preach on the “Every creature singing” connected with John 21:1-19, Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, and Revelation 5:11-14.

## Announcements

### *Here at Benton*

**Today’s painting displayed during the sermon** are by local Mennonite artists Sylvie Gudin and make up the Stations of the Resurrection display at Pathways Retreat.

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Jerrol Shaum

**Song leader:** Lyn Buschert

**Children’s focus:** Mary Ann Weber

**Childcare:** Ashley Johar

**Greeters:** Dave and Vi Hartzler

### *Offering, April 17 2021*

Weekly received: \$5,882

Weekly expected: \$3,020

*Difference: \$2,862*

YTD received: \$45,487

YTD expected: \$48,320

*Difference: (\$2,833)*

### **Building Campaign**

YTD received: \$9,335

Total received: \$410,416

**Thank you for your continuing support** of the work of the church. You can bring offerings to in-person worship, send checks to the church office, authorize automatic payments from your account, or use the donate button on the website.

### *Attendance for Sunday April 17*

Total: 68

Visitors: 4

**Staff hours for this week**

*Doug:* Tuesday and Friday

*Steve:* Friday

*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](mailto:office@bentonchurch.org).  
All information is due by 7pm, Thursday.*



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