

Benton Mennonite Church

May 8 2022 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Worship leader: Patty Nofziger and Glo Showalter

Speaker: Jennifer Schrock **Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner

Peace prayer: Jacob Kaufman **Scripture reader:** Helene Hoover

Testimony: Grace Leatherman **Children's focus:** Rich Meyer

Childcare: Helene Hoover

Order of worship

Silence and reflection

VT 3 *Gathered Here*

Peace prayer

Welcome

Call to worship

VT 4 *We Long to Know Her*

"Creatures" testimony

Offering

Children's focus

VT 180 *This Is God's Wondrous World*

VT 298 *What Is the World Like*

Scripture Matthew 13:31-33

Children dismissed to activities

Message *Locally grown*

Song of response

Sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

VT 182 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Today

- We welcome as our guest preacher Jennifer Schrock, director of Mennonite Creation Care Network.

- Second hour:
 - *Bible study* taught by Dave Miller in the Questers Room
 - *Wired Word* taught by Helene Hoover in the Prayer Room
 - *Intergenerational Conversations* hosted by Scott Kempf in the Sanctuary
 - *Meal preparation* in the Fellowship Hall
- 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by A-Ge. Everyone welcome.

Next Sunday

- Doug will preach on "All creation praises" connected with John 13:31-35, Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, and Revelation 21:1-6

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leaders: Patty Nofziger and Glo Showalter

Song leader: Lyn Buschert **Peace prayer:** Grace Leatherman

Scripture reader: Donna Risser **Childcare:** Jacob Kaufman

Upcoming event

Sunday May 22, 1pm, Congregational meeting. The agenda was distributed on Friday.

Announcements

Here at Benton

Our website is being updated! Many thanks to Ashley Johar, who worked with Doug on this as part of a school project. More changes are on the way. Visit www.bentonchurch.org.

Voices Together Worship Workshop. Learn about the worship resources available through the *Voices Together* hymnal and *Voices Together* Worship Leader Edition. Those who participated in creating these collections will be leading: Anneli Loepp Thiessen, Katie Graber, and Sarah Johnson. Benton is sponsoring this event for the wider church through the leadership of Anne Meyer Byler. More information and registration at

<https://bentonchurch.org/voices-together-worship-workshop/>.

Saturday, May 14, 9 am – 12 noon, via Zoom

From Mennonite World Conference: "Thank you for your generous gift of \$600 for Mennonite World Conference's core ministries supporting our Anabaptist faith community around the world."

Offering, May 1 2021

Weekly received: \$4,510
Weekly expected: \$3,020
Difference: \$1,490

YTD received: \$50,243
YTD expected: \$54,360
Difference: (\$4,117)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$9,712
Total received: \$410,793

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 May 1

Total: 63
Visitors: 3

Staff hours for this week

Doug: Tuesday and Friday
Steve: Friday

*Announcements can be sent to office@bentonchurch.org.
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.*



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