

Benton Mennonite Church

March 12 2023 *Third Sunday of Lent*

Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus

Worship leader: Ruth Mischler

Speaker: Mary Ann Weber

Song leader: Scott Kempf

Peace prayer: Mary Grove

Children's focus: Donna Risser

Scripture reader: Gracie Gerig Meyer

Childcare: Anne Meyer Byler and Beka Youngberg

Shaped through thirst

10:30am Worship

Silence and reflection

Welcome

Call to worship

Peace prayer

BF 31 *With thankful hearts*

BF 2 *Jesus, be the center*

Confession

Offering

HWB 495 O let all who thirst

Scripture Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95

Children's focus

Dismiss children to activities

Message

Song of response

Sharing time

Birthday recognition

Announcements

Sending song

VT 810 *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

BF = Blue folder | **HWB** = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* |

VT = *Voices Together*

Reflection questions for sharing time:

1. How have you experienced longing for God?
2. How did your spiritual thirst come to be satisfied? How much was a result of your hard work, and how much was because of God's providence?

Today

- ❖ 9:30am, First hour options for children and adults:
 - ◇ Wired Word, Room 113
 - ◇ Bible study, Room 105
 - ◇ Children meet in old foyer, led by Rich/Brenda Meyer.
- ❖ 10:30am, Worship
- ❖ 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by A-Ge

Next Sunday

- ❖ Mary Lehman Yoder, former pastor at Assembly Mennonite Church, will preach on "Called to the Light" connected with John 9:1-41, Ephesians 5:8-14, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23.

Announcements

Here at Benton

Easter Egg Hunt. Children of all ages are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of mini-size wrapped candy and other small items for the eggs are appreciated. A box for candy will be in the foyer. Come join the fun! Invite a friend! See Donna Risser for any questions.

Saturday April 8, 1 pm

The lift is being replaced. We apologize for not being fully accessible now but are pleased to be installing a more reliable and open one. Completion projected in three weeks.

The deadline for contributing to care packages for youth and young adults at Benton has been extended to TODAY. Sign a card in the fellowship hall or make a donation to defray costs near mailboxes. Ask Bruce any questions.

Community Peacemaker Teams' thank-you letter for our contribution of \$500 is posted on the bulletin board.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Ruth Mischler

Song leader: Scott Kempf

Peace prayer: Kate Friesen

Scripture reader: Ashley Johar

Sound: Bruce Nofziger

Childcare: Jane Vendrely and Barb Meyer-Reed

Greeters: Doug and Jane Vendrely

Attendance for Sunday March 5

Total: 64

Visitors: 7

Staff hours for this week

Brenda Meyer: Tuesday and Friday

Doug Kaufman: Tuesday

Steve Johns: Friday

On Wednesday Doug leaves for a conference in Decatur, GA, "Just Creation: Shalom for Our Common Home" at Columbia Theological Seminary. He then we will take a week of vacation.

Today, in the morning Doug is leading worship with the board of Anabaptist Climate Collaborative and then at noon will be talking about Climate Grief at the Plymouth United Church of Christ in Fort Wayne.

*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.
All information is due by 7pm, Thursday.*



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