Benton Mennonite Church

July 5, 2026

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Speaker:** Pastor Derrick
Song leader: Barb Meyer Reed **Children's focus:** Brenda Meyer
Peace prayer: Mary Grove **Scripture reader:** Helene Hoover

Theme: Drawing Near; God in Art

9:55 Meditative Silence
10:00 Worship

Gathering Words
VT 131 *Praise I Will Praise You, Lord*
Call to Worship
Peace Prayer
VT 828 *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*
VT 804 *There Is More Love Somewhere*
Children's Focus
Offering
VT 621 *My Hope Is Built*
Scripture: Matthew 5:3-12
Sermon: An Upside-Down Kingdom
Song of Response
July Birthdays
Sharing and Prayer
Introductions and Announcements
Sending Song
Benediction

Next Sunday

- 10:00am Worship

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Greeters: Stan/Mary Grove **Sound tech:** Lane Meyer-Reed

This week

- **Tuesday, 9:30am** Coffee Talk at the church. Come and chat with the pastor and with each other.

Upcoming events

- **Tuesday, July 21** Chicago Trip.
- **September 4-6** Church Retreat at Amigo Centre

Announcements

- The Chicago Trip includes taking the South Shore Line, eating lunch in China Town, and going to the Museum of Illusions. Museum cost is $43.00.
- See the bulletin board for July 11 events in the area. One is a Palestinian Nonviolent Activist speaking at Assembly Mennonite; another is an afternoon-evening of Gospel Echoes concerts and meal.

Offering report

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, June 28

Total: 47 Visitors: 2

Send bulletin information to bentonmennooffice@gmail.com
ALL information is due by Wednesday pm.

Staff days for this week

Derrick Ramer: Monday-Thursday
Patty Nofziger: Monday and Thursday afternoons

Welcome Statement

Believing that the image of God is found in every person, we commit ourselves to welcoming people of any age, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and ability as full participants in our congregational life. This commitment means increasing our awareness of power and privilege as we stretch ourselves to become more inclusive and loving in all our relationships.

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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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