

Benton Mennonite Church

August 16, 2026

Worship leader: Patty Nofziger

Scripture reader: Anne Love

Song leader: Brenda Meyer

Peace prayer: Jerry Shaum

Children's focus: John Buschert

Speaker: Derrick Ramer

Theme: *Drawing Near; God in Art*

9:55 Meditative Silence
10:00 Worship

Welcome

VT 5 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Call to Worship

Peace Prayer

VT 177 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

VT 181 *Creation Is a Song*

Children's Focus

Offering

VT 179 *At the Dawn of Your Creation*

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

Sermon: *Signs for Sacred Times*

VT 145 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

Sharing and Prayer

Introductions and Announcements

VT 838 *The Peace of the Earth Be with You*

Benediction

Next Sunday

Worship leader: Christina Litwiller

Peace prayer: Orv Yoder

Song leader: Barb Meyer-Reed

Scripture reader: Doug Vendrely

Children's focus: Brenda Meyer

Speaker: Derrick Ramer

Greeter: Sharon Erb

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

- ❖ **September 4-6** Church Retreat at Amigo Centre
- ❖ **Friday, September 11**, 9:30am visitation and 11am memorial service for Lois Deter

Announcements

Pledge forms for the 2027 budget planning have been emailed to you. Extras are available on table in the gathering area next to a box where completed forms can be placed. Please return your pledge by 8/23. You can also contact Pat Baer at 574 238-7240, or email it to treasurer@bentonchurch.org

MCC School Kit supplies will be received through the month of August. Metal pencil sharpeners are hard to find and will be supplied by the material resource center.

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, August 9

Total: 40 Visitors: 1

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

Send PowerPoints or other tech items for the worship service to soundguys@bentonchurch.org. **by Saturday 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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