

Watchword for the Week

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name
in all the earth. (Psalm 8:9)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 8)

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
**When I look at your heavens, the work of
your fingers, the moon and the stars that
you have established; what are human
beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.

**O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Hymn 154 * *O Lord my God!*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

OPENING PRAYER

Father God of Creation,
we wonder at your handiwork.

Son of the Creator,
we wonder at your example.

Creative Spirit,
we wonder at your power.

Holy Creating Trinity,
we bow down in wonder and awe.

Heavenly Father, we gather here as your
people, as one people, as one family... We
come connected by the cords of your creation.

**From nothing, you brought beauty;
and from chaos, you brought wonder.**

You crafted time and space in which we
continue to take our place as your people and
stewards of your creation.

But we are not always effective stewards...

(Pause)

When we use our hands to harm and rip apart
instead of healing and planting, forgive us.

When we use our words to destroy
instead of building up, forgive us.

When we simply do nothing
when your world needs action, forgive us.

(Pause)

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
help us to move from this time, forgiven,
like a father forgives their wayward child.

**Fill us with a spirit of joy, hope and
preparedness for the journey you call us to
take in this world prepared for us.**

Hear our prayers. **Amen.**

Hymn 619 + 620 * *Spirit of the living God*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

There is no condemnation now for those who
live in union with Christ Jesus. For the law of the
Spirit, which brings us life in union with Christ
Jesus, has set us free from the law of sin and
death. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(During which children may leave for Kids' Church)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *NT p. 232*

St. Matthew 28:16-20 *NT p. 44*

The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 111 * *Holy, holy, holy*

SERMON Pastorin Birgit Weinbrenner

Hymn 581 *Hail thee, Festival Day!*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, June 2014)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Creator God, we bring before you these gifts
of ourselves and of our resources. Charge
us to use these offerings effectively to
further your Kingdom and to tend to the
world around us. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 113 * *God the Father of Creation*

BLESSING and **Threefold Amen** (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE



Today's guest preacher is
Birgit Weinbrenner who
manages the sustainable
development project
"Zukunft einkaufen" (roughly:
Shopping for the future) on
behalf of the Westphalian
church, operating from its
Institute for Church and
Society in Schwerte. Birgit
also used to work for the
"Oikocredit" ethical banking
organisation.

Notices

- We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book *including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter*.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Preacher:** Pastorin Birgit Weinbrenner
 - Duty elder:** Jimmimah Ujma
 - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.***
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next to church for today's pot-luck buffet and continued fellowship.
- **Worship in June** – All are welcome!
 - Sunday, 22 June** at 12:30 p.m.
Guest preacher Mark Burrows, UCC, USA
 - Sunday, 29 June** at 12:30 p.m.
Guest preacher Deonal Sinaga, Indonesia
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** features **Brazil**. *For prayer details, please follow the link from www.ecc-bochum.de*
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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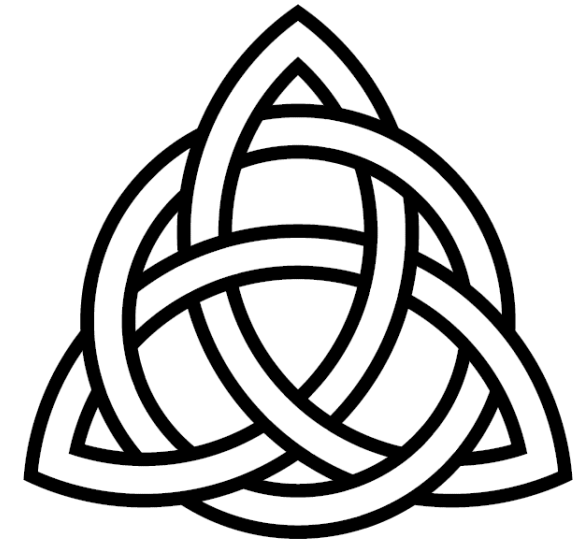
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Trinity Sunday

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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