

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."
(Matthew 10:39)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Verses from Psalm 86)

Listen to me, LORD, and answer me,
for I am helpless and weak.
**You are my God, so be merciful to me;
I pray to you all day long.**

Make your servant glad, O Lord,
because my prayers go up to you.
**You are good to us and forgiving; full of
constant love for all who pray to you.**

Turn to me and have mercy on me;
strengthen me and save me.
**Show me proof of your goodness, LORD;
give me your comfort and help.**

Hymn 623 *Here in this place / Gather us in*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

OPENING PRAYER

God of the bold,
we come to you in confidence.

God of the unsure,
we come to you in confidence.

God of the loud,
we come to you in confidence.

God of the whisperer,
we come to you in confidence.

In confidence we come,
**the bold, the unsure, the loud and the
whisperer, together we come to you.**

Loving God, we gather as your children,
known, accepted, varied, valued.

We gather as your family:
a family that cares for one another,
a family that seek to grow together

in love and understanding,
a family that journey through
the good and bad together.
Lord, we are sorry when our family
becomes a clique:
when we close our doors on those
who want to be a part;
**when we do not share what we are
called to share with our neighbours,
our community or our world.**

Forgive us, Lord God.
Help us to grow in love.
Challenge us to grow in faith.
Inspire us to grow with hope.

These prayers we bring before you in the name
of your own child, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Thus says the Lord: Fear not, for I have
redeemed you; I have called you by name, you
are mine. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn 191 * *Do not be afraid*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(During which children may leave for Kids' Church)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 6:1-11 NT p. 193

St. Matthew 10:24-39 NT p. 15

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

Hymn 581 *Hail thee, Festival Day!*
(Hymn of the Month, June 2014)

SERMON Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows

Hymn 251 * *I, the Lord of sea and sky*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Loving God, as we bring before you
offerings of service and money, bless all
whose lives are touched by these offerings.
May they know that they too are your
children. May they know that they are loved,
valued and precious. May it be so this day
and all our days. 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 622 *We sing a love*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE



Today's guest preacher,
Mark Burrows, is a pastor
of the United Church of
Christ (USA) and he is
currently a visiting
professor at the
Evangelische Fachhoch-
schule in Bochum. In
addition to his teaching
and pastoral activities,
Mark is also a translator,
and he recently published
a complete English edition
of Rilke's poetry.

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:** Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows
 - Duty elder:** Ulrich Schwarz
 - Reader:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
 - Organ:** Katharina Zentgraf
- 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, 29 June at 12:30 p.m.
Guest preacher Deonal Sinaga, Indonesia
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** features **Argentina, Paraguay** and **Uruguay**. 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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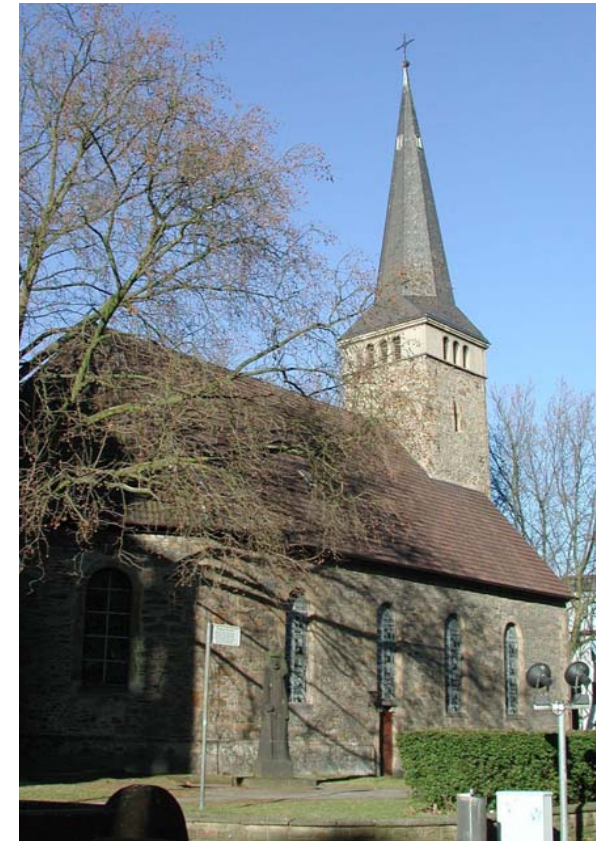
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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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