

### Watchword for the Week

Happy are the people who worship you with songs,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

(Psalm 89:15)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Welcome to all who are weary, tired,  
or burned-out. **We come to be refreshed  
and renewed in God's presence.**

Welcome to all who are anxious, worried,  
or burdened. **We come to be calmed  
and comforted by the Spirit.**

Welcome to all who feel complacent,  
comfortable, or detached. **We come to  
be stirred by Christ's message for us.**

All are welcome here. Come as you are.  
**Together, we will rest in God's presence,  
be calmed by the Spirit,  
and be stirred by Christ's message.  
Together we will welcome one another  
as we gather for worship.**

**Hymn 198 \*** *Let us build a house*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### OPENING PRAYER

God of hospitality, God of welcome,  
God of inclusivity, God of acceptance,  
we gather as your people to praise you  
here in this, your house.

**You throw open your doors  
and welcome us with open arms.**

And yet sometimes we simply don't get it  
and fail to grasp what it means  
to be a people of hospitality.

**We are sorry for the times we have  
ignored someone who is new here.**

We are sorry for the times we have made  
comments about someone under our breath.

We are sorry for the times when we have let our  
own desires be the only ones we care about.

**We are sorry for not being the hosts  
that you call us to be.**

Work in us and through us that we may be  
hospitable people, and a hospitable  
congregation.

**May we know more of the overwhelming  
hospitality that you offer us so that we may,  
in turn, offer it fully to all your children.**

When people step into this place, we ask that all  
may feel your presence, your welcome and your  
love revealed in us and all around us.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Hymn 544 \*** *When I needed a neighbour*

### ASSURANCE of PARDON

The Lord is merciful and loving,  
slow to become angry, and full of constant love.  
He does not keep on accusing; he is not angry  
for ever. He does not punish us as we deserve,  
or repay us for our sins and wrongs.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(During which children may leave for Kids' Church)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 6:12-23 *NT p. 193*

St. Matthew 10:40-42 *NT p. 16 (15)*

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

**Hymn 502 \*** *Take my life, Lord, let it be*

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Deonal Sinaga*

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

## DEDICATION PRAYER

**Accept these gifts, God of giving. Although  
we know that our financial giving is only one  
way that you call us to practice Christian  
discipleship, we pray that you will blend our  
actions, our gifts of money, our talents and  
our prayers, so that we may touch the lives  
of others who seek your love. 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 175 \*** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE



Today's guest preacher,  
**Deonal Sinaga**, is a pastor  
and theological teacher from  
North Sumatra, Indonesia.  
Deonal studied at Portland,  
Oregon and in Hong Kong,  
and he is currently based at  
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coordinates North-South  
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global partner churches.

# 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. Dr. Deonal Sinaga
  - Duty elder:** Justus Masa
  - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
  - 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.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** features **Bolivia, Chile** and **Peru**. For prayer details please visit [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://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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**"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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