

Watchword for the Week

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(from Psalm 119:105-112)

Your word is a lamp to guide me
and a light for my path

***I will keep my solemn promise
to obey your just instructions.***

Accept my prayer of thanks, O Lord,
and teach me your commands.

***Even if my life may be in constant danger,
I will not forget the precepts of your law.***

Your commandments are my eternal
possession; they are the joy of my heart.

***I have chosen to obey your laws
as long as I shall live here on earth.***

Hymn 185 * *Come, children, join and sing*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may leave for Kids' Church)

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, you sow the seeds of your
word freely and widely, you do not check to
see where they will fall you simply sow and
allow the seeds to land.

Sometimes seeds fall on the hard path
where there is no soil but the birds of the air
are able to enjoy a feast.

Sometimes seeds fall on the rocky ground
where there is only a little soil and the roots
cannot go deep enough to allow the plant to
reach its full potential.

Sometimes seeds fall on soil that already has
other plants to sustain and the new plants are
not able to share the soils precious resources
and are hindered in their growth.

But sometimes seeds fall on empty soil where
they are free to put down deep roots and to
grow unhindered into their full leaf and flower.

We are so glad that you sow freely that you do
not restrict your seeds to a particular place.

Help us to remember that we too
must sow the seeds of your word freely.

Help us not to judge the soil
or test it before sowing.

Help us to sow the seeds of love
everywhere and anywhere, trusting that you
will take care of the rest. **Amen.**

Hymn 262 * *For the world and all its people*
(Hymn of the Month, July 2014)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Hear the Word of Grace. Here is good news:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners; to forgive us in our failure, to accept us
as we are, to set us free from evil's power, and
to make us what we are meant to be.

Thanks be to God. Amen.



CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:1-11 *NT p. 195*

St. Matthew 13:1-9 + 18-23 *NT p. 19*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 603 *For your gift of God the Spirit*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 153 * *Great is thy faithfulness*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)


DEDICATION PRAYER

***Gracious God, may we recognize all the gifts
we've been given. May the gifts we freely
offer be without expectation for anything in
return. May you bless the work of these gifts
this day and in the days ahead. Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See Notices overleaf)*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

May your Kingdom come:

Your will be done on earth, O Lord. 
(Sung response = Hymn 805)

***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 159 *Lord, for the years*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Astrid Puspita
 - Organ:** Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 145.89.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** features **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua** and **Panama**. Please follow the prayer 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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"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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