Watchword for the Week

Jesus spoke to the disciples and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 136)

Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good; *his love is eternal.*

Give thanks to the greatest of all gods; *his love is eternal.*

Give thanks to the mightiest of all lords; his love is eternal.

He alone performs great miracles; his love is eternal.

By his wisdom he made the heavens;

his love is eternal.

He built the earth on the deep waters; his love is eternal.

He led his people Israel out of Egypt;

his love is eternal.

He led his people through the desert;

his love is eternal.

Give thanks to the God of heaven;

his love is eternal.

Hymn 106 Bring to the Lord a glad new song (Hymn of the Month, August 2014)

OPENING PRAYER

God of the universe, Lord of eternity, you speak in signs and visions, whispers in the silence, the promptings of conscience, the joy of the heart:

We praise you.

God of all people, Lord of humanity, you approach us in the dramas of history, the detail of our every day hopes for our families and friends, the peace of communion:

We praise you.

God of all ages, Lord of the church, you renew us through the resurrection of Jesus, the life of

the Spirit, through dreams of justice and freed, through the power of prayer:

We praise you.

Yet life has its everyday fears and worries that hinder us from living fully the life of grace you wish us to live. We confess before you now our anxieties and insufficiencies. We are afraid.

Lord Jesus, help us to see you when we are afraid. Help us to hear your voice calling us when our faith is weak. Help us to feel the strength of your arms supporting and lifting us when we are sinking. Lord Jesus, give us your peace and let us walk with you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 771

If you believe and I believe

If you believe and I believe and we together pray, the Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Hear the good news: God says "Do not be afraid – I will save you – I have called you by name – you are mine. *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may gather at the large table for Kids' Church)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 🕮

Romans 10:5-15

NT p. 198 (197)

St. Matthew 14:22-33

NT p. 22

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 191 * Do not be afraid People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 260 (Alternative version)

Eternal Father, strong to save (Offerings are gathered)

Hymn 807 *

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Offerings are brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

God our Father, bless these gifts which we bring to you, and touch our hearts that we may continue to serve you with loving and thankful hearts in the strength of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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 737 *

Will your anchor hold?

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: Derick Fonjong Reader: Heinrich Ohlendorf Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald

- > Our offering during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last Sunday's offering totalled €95.15.
- > 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 focuses on Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. 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)

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