

Watchword for the Week

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. (Psalm 67:5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 133)

How wonderful it is, how pleasant,
for God's people to live together in harmony!
It is like the precious anointing oil
running down from Aaron's head and beard,
down to the collar of his robes;

***It is like the dew on Mount Hermon,
falling on the hills of Zion.
That is where the Lord has promised his
blessing – life that never ends.***

Hymn 257 * *Singing, we gladly worship*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

OPENING PRAYER

O God of all people, we come to worship you
because you make us one great rainbow family,
with different gifts and abilities, ages and
experiences, backgrounds and insights.

May the peoples praise you, O God:

May all the peoples praise you.

O God of all people, we come to rejoice in your
loving power which overcomes the barriers we
build between ourselves.

May the peoples praise you, O God:

May all the peoples praise you.

O God of all people, we come to celebrate
together, to receive your forgiveness of our sins,
to hear your good news and to go in your name
to proclaim your love.

May the peoples praise you, O God:

May all the peoples praise you.

O Lord, you challenge us to be hospitable, to
discover those who are different from us. You
continually invite us to bridge the gaps, to open

the doors, to break down the walls which we
create to make us separate.

***O Lord, help us and be with us as we seek:
to cross the chasms of misunderstanding
and fear; to dare to open our doors which
shut out and exclude; to dismantle the walls
which divide and separate.***

Teach us to live together, share together, learn
together, celebrate together, and together to be
one people. We ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Thus says the Lord: Peace, peace, to the far
and to the near, and I will heal you. For I will not
accuse for ever, nor will I always be angry; for
from me proceeds the Spirit, and I have made
the breath of life. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn 798 * *The peace of the earth*

*The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 45:1-15 OT p. 49

Hymn 359 * *He came down...*

St. Matthew 15:21-28 NT p. 23
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 522 * *The Church is wherever...*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 106 *Bring to the Lord a glad new song*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, August 2014)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Take our gifts, most loving God,
that they may be used for your glory.
Take our hearts, most loving God,
that they may be filled with love.
Take our wills, most loving God,
that they may be obedient to your call.
Take our actions, most loving God,
that they may bring you praise.
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

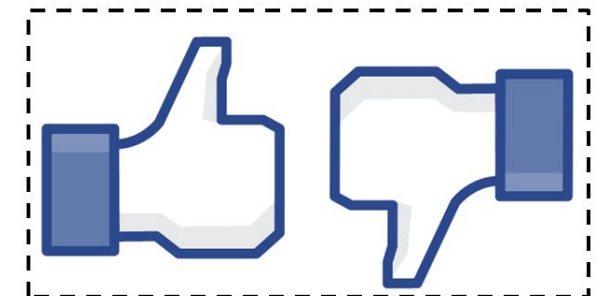
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

***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 456 *Christ is the world's true light*
(Hymn of the Month, January 2014)

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:** Eric Obimdi
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 129.80.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **ECC Choir** resumes after the summer break on **Wednesday 20 August** at 6 p.m.
- The **Church Council** meets in the church hall on **Thursday 21 August** at 7 p.m.
- Are you **joyful** by nature? Do you enjoy **singing**? Then the **Joyful Singers** choir is the place for you! Details of rehearsal times, etc. from Debbie Hubweber: 0152 10370641.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on ***The Pacific islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanak) and French Polynesia (Tahiti)***. For more details, 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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"How wonderful it is, how pleasant,
for God's people to live together in harmony!"
(Psalm 133:1)

"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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