

Watchword for the Week

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

We, who are many,
are one in Christ.

We, of varying gifts,
are one in Christ.

We, of different cultures and world views,
are one in Christ.

We, who offer praise in different ways,
are one in Christ.

Thanks be to God.
Hallelujah!

Hymn 448 * *Shine, Jesus, shine*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

OPENING PRAYER

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
majestic, holy, all-powerful God.

We approach the blazing light of your presence
with reverence and awe, with humility and
penitence. Accept our adoration and teach us
through your word so that, strengthened by your
Spirit, our lives may be lived to your glory.

***This we pray in the name of our Saviour
Jesus Christ, who humbled himself in
service to you so that we might follow him.***

Compassionate God, forgive us for thinking too
highly of ourselves in relation to you. Forgive the
pride that makes us imagine that we know what
is best, regardless of your commandments.
Forgive the arrogance that leads us to act as
though the whole world revolved around us.
Forgive the complacency that allows us to be
content with our fainthearted discipleship.

Lord, have mercy:
Lord, have mercy.

Compassionate God, forgive us for thinking too
highly of ourselves in relation to others. Forgive
the selfishness that makes us behave as though
they existed for our benefit. Forgive the self-
righteousness that leads us to judge sisters and
brothers for whom Christ died. Forgive the self-
concern that allows us to ignore the needy and
withhold food from the hungry.

Lord, have mercy:
Lord, have mercy.

Compassionate God, forgive our sins and purify
our minds, that in thought and in action we may
be worthy of our calling, in Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 493 * *It's me, it's me, O Lord*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Through Christ, Life has been given to us as a
new gift for today. We are a new and different
people from this moment on. Arise, then, and
walk in the Light of Christ! **Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 12:1-8 *NT p. 200*

Hymn 805 * *Your will be done on earth, O Lord*
(Repeated ad lib.)

St. Matthew 16:13-20 *NT p. 24*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

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

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 251 * *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***As we offer our gifts to you, God of love,
we present ourselves as a living sacrifice
and pray that it may be holy and acceptable
to you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 594 *Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

You come through thick stone walls,
armed guards and bars.
You bring me a starry night
and ask about this and that.
You are the Redeemer. I recognize you.
You are my way, my truth and my life.
Even my cellar blooms with stars,
and peace and light pour forth.
You sprinkle beautiful words on me like
flowers: "Son, what are you afraid of?
I am with you."

(Meditation from Lithuania)

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:** Jimmimah Ujma
 - Reader:** Robert Haworth
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 164.38.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **ECC Choir** next choir practice will be on **Wednesday 20 August** at 6 p.m. in church.
- 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.
- **Musiksommer:** on **Sunday 7 September** our worship will be shared with our host German and neighbouring RC congregations **Open-air / Kuhhirten Stage / 12 noon**.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on **Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania**. 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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Who am I?

"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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