

### Watchword for the Week

Let the same mind be in you that was  
in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(verses from Psalm 78)

While our ancestors watched, God performed  
miracles in the plain of Zoan in the land of Egypt.  
**He divided the sea and took them through it;  
he made the waters stand like walls.**  
By day he led them with a cloud  
and all night long with the light of a fire.  
**He split the rock open in the desert  
and gave them water from the depths.**  
He caused a stream to come out of the rock  
**and made water flow like a river.**

Listen to these things we have heard and known;  
things that our ancestors told us.

**We will tell the next generation of the  
wonderful things that the LORD has done.**

**Hymn 152 \*** *Praise the Lord, his glories show*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

Eternal God, we return with grateful hearts to  
you this day, beginning anew with you the  
miracle of grace that breaks afresh upon us  
each day. In this time of prayer with its quiet  
patience and holy waiting, remove from our  
hearts and minds the jangling distractions and  
the pressing worries that crowd our minds and  
hearts; so that the light and stillness of your  
presence floods our lives once more.

We bless you for your unfailing presence in our  
lives; turn us, once more, to face your mercy,  
not in fear but with anticipation; not through  
overwhelming guilt, but with steady trust.

Forgive us our disjointed lives;  
forgive us our petulant participation in worship;  
forgive us for our unpredictable witness.

Recall us to the rhythm of service and hope that  
enables our obedience to your call, and brings  
that steadiness of purpose and intention without  
which our living and our faith is hopelessly  
confused. We pray all this through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

### ASSURANCE of PARDON

God rains down manna in the wilderness and  
squeezes water from a desert rock. With fire and  
cloud, God leads us out of the bondage of our  
past into a future of freedom and safety. God  
has been with us in the past, is with us in this  
present moment, and will be with us forever and  
ever. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn 212 \*** *Morning has broken*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### PRAYER for TEACHERS of CHILDREN

(based on verses from Psalm 78)

God of all generations,  
our ears are open to hear your Word.  
We also hear your command to teach it  
to our children, so they too will praise you.  
We give thanks for those who have heard your  
call to teach your Word to our children.  
Send your Spirit upon them, we pray,  
so that rising generations may hope in you,  
love your ways, and live according to your will.  
In Jesus' name: **Amen.**

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7 OT p. 73

Philippians 2:1-13 NT p. 248 (247)

St. Matthew 21:23-32 NT p. 31  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 356 \*** *Meekness and majesty*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

### Hymn 500

*Lord of creation*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)  
(Hymn of the Month, September 2014)

### INSTALLATION of the CHURCH COUNCIL

There are different gifts,  
**but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
There are different ways of serving God,  
**but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
God works through different people in different  
ways, **but it is the same God who achieves**  
**his purpose through them all.**  
Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**to use it for the common good.**

### PREAMBLE, AFFIRMATION, PRAYER

### RENEWAL of COMMITMENT

### UNISON PRAYER

**God of grace, you call us to be servants of**  
**Christ Jesus and to share in his ministry of**  
**love to all people. Renew our zeal; give us**  
**joy in your service. Direct us by your Spirit**  
**of wisdom and fill us with the gifts of grace,**  
**that together we may declare your wonderful**  
**deeds and show your love to the world;**  
**through 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 251 \*** *Here I am, Lord*

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:** Heinrich Ohlendorf  
**Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald

➤ Our **Church Council** will be installed in office during today's worship. We also give thanks for the many years of commitment which **Gnanakkan Selladurai Samuel** and **Ulrich Schwarz** have given our congregation through their work in the Council.

➤ Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 134.82.

➤ After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.

**Diary for the week ahead:**

**Wed. 1 Oct.: ECC Choir** 6 p.m. (Church)

**Fri. 3 Oct.: Joyful Singers** 7 p.m. (Halls)

**Sunday, 5 October** 12:30 p.m.

Harvest Thanksgiving Worship and Auction:  
 Rev. Dr. Julius Ngwa, Bamenda, Cameroon  
*Pot-luck Party afterwards in the church halls*

➤ **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: the **Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia**. Prayer link from [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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14 September 2014, Inverness, Scotland

**"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"**

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"  
 (Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

**Worship every Sunday at 12.30**

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