

Watchword for the Week

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 129 *The Lord is King! Lift up your voice!*
(Hymn of the Month, October 2014)

OFFERINGS

Joyful Singers Medley

Please come forward during the medley – place your offerings of money in the basket at the steps and lay your harvest gifts on or beside the tables on either side of the altar.

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

I believe that God, the source of all life, has created all people on Earth – a rich diversity of colours and cultures with no people superior to another.

I believe that God promised land – a place for each people to dwell, to sustain and celebrate in peace with all creatures.

I believe that in Jesus Christ, God became flesh, become one with creation and one with all human life.

I believe that this same Jesus who suffered and died on the cross, suffers when peoples are massacred, oppressed as less than other humans, and torn or stolen from their lands.

I believe that through the cross people are still being reconciled to God, reconciled to the good land, and reconciled to each other.

I believe that the Spirit of God dwells in this creation, is present in all the lands of Earth, renews the life and spirit of all things, and calls all peoples to discover and celebrate God's presence. Amen.

INSTITUTION and THANKSGIVING

God be with you, *and also with you.*
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to God.*
Let us give thanks to our Creator God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...we thank you, and join with angels and saints in this joyful hymn of praise:

***Holy, holy, holy, God of all creation;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name
of our God. Hosanna in the highest!***

... a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, forever. Amen.

PRAYERS for OTHERS

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.

BREAKING of BREAD

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God: *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, bearer of our sins: *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, redeemer of the world: *grant us peace.*

COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

Hymn 661 *Eat this bread, drink this cup*
(Repeated ad lib.)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Choir *"Come, O love that lovest all"*
(Words & Music: Rev. Anthony Jones)

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 175 * *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

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

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WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(verses from Psalm 65)

O God, it is right to praise you on your holy hill, because you answer the prayers of your people.
***You do wonderful things to save us;
people all over the world put their trust in you.***

The whole world stands in awe of the great things that you have done.

***Your people respond with shouts of joy
from one end of the earth to the other.***

You send your rain for the land;
you make it rich and fertile.

***You fill the streams with water;
you provide the earth with crops.***

What a rich harvest your goodness provides!

***Wherever you go, there is plenty.
Everything shouts and sings for joy.***

Hymn 233 * *Come, you thankful people, come*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear the Word of Grace: The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world. ***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 OT p. 179

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 NT p. 229 (228)

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

Hymn 229 * *We plough the fields and scatter*

Notices

- We **welcome Rev. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah**, Presbyterian Church of Cameroon, who is currently based with the Basel Mission German Branch in Stuttgart, to share in leading today's worship.
 - 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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament. *Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to receive communion too.*
 - **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Ulrich Schwarz
 - Reader:** Sone Nkumbe
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
 - Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 125.01.
 - After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for continued fellowship and our pot-luck lunch.
- Diary for the week ahead:**
- Wed. 8 Oct.: ECC Choir** 6 p.m. (Church)
- Fri. 10 Oct.: Joyful Singers** 7 p.m. (Halls)
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.** For details, 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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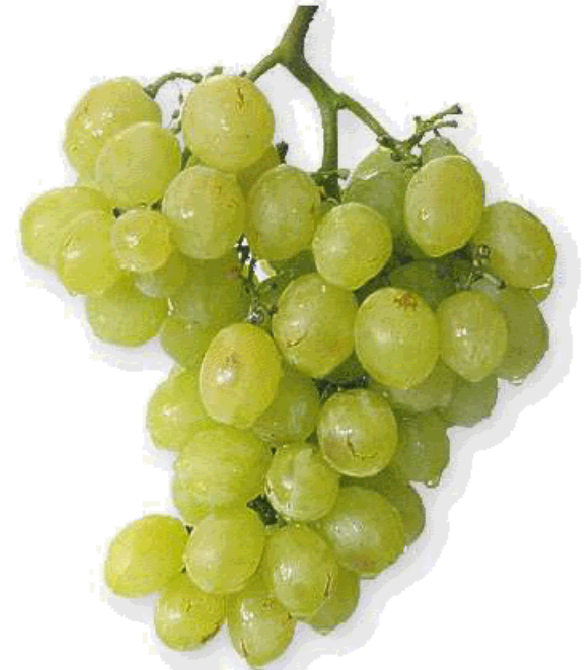
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Harvest Thanks

with Holy Communion

"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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