#### Watchword for the Week

So teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. (Psalm 90:12) (Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (verses from Psalm 126)

When the Lord God brought us back to Jerusalem, it was like a dream! *How we laughed, how we sang for joy!* Then the other nations said about us, "The Lord did great things for them!" *Indeed the Lord did great things for us; how happy we were!* 

Lord, make us prosperous again, just as the rain brings water back to dry riverbeds. *May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!* Those who wept, as they went out carrying the seed *will come back singing for joy, as they bring in the harvest.* 

Hymn 157 \* Sing of the Lord's goodness People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

PRAYER of APPROACH and CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have created us as a people, each with different gifts. *As individuals, we are all empowered to contribute in this your world.* 

You have created us, a people, to live in community. *As individuals, we are all empowered to contribute in this your world.* 

You have created us, a people, and given us gifts with which to serve you. *As individuals, we are all empowered to contribute in this your world.* 

You have created us, and called us to serve. As individuals, we are all empowered to contribute in this your world. Because we have seen pain without being moved; because we forget your love with selfish pride: *Lord, have mercy on us.* 

Because we live without seeing our own personal short-comings and wrong-doings: *Christ, have mercy on us.* 

Because we pass by contented in the face of poverty and suffering; for our complacency in our affluence; for making excuses for injury and misery: *Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.* 

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

How we love to hang on to our pasts – remembering, keeping count, bearing grudges. God doesn't. Our pasts are accepted. Let them go! Live in the freedom God gives to us afresh each new day. *Thanks be to God. Amen.* 

Hymn 359 \*

He came down

CHILDREN'S TIME

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

You are welcome in the name of the Lord (2x) I can see in you the glory of the Lord. You are welcome in the name of the Lord.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11		NT p. 259 (258)		
St. Matthew 25:14-30 NT p. 37 People may stand for the Gospel reading.				
The word of God: Thanks be to God!				
Hymn 278	<i>Wake, awake! For night is flying</i> (Hymn of the Month, November 2014)			
SERMON	Rev. D	Dr. Robert Haworth		

**Hymn 673** \* Let us talents and tongues employ (Offerings are gathered and brought forward)



## **DEDICATION PRAYERS**

Think of ways you can invest yourself in God's reign of justice, peace, and love. Jot a word or symbol on the piece of paper and we will read them as an act of dedication

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 257 *	Singing, we gladly worship			
BLESSING and Threefold Amen (No. 819)				
Hymn 804 *	You shall go out with joy (2x)			
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:

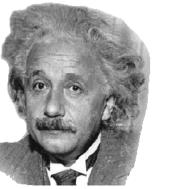
Duty elder:Herold DehlingReader:Jimmimah UjmaOrgan:Ingeborg Maiwald

- Our offering during worship is our main source of income. *Please give generously.*
- 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. 19 Nov.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church)
  Fri. 21 Nov.: Joyful Singers 7 pm (Halls)
- Ecumenical Prayer Cycle for this week: Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea. For more 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.



"I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious."

Albert Einstein





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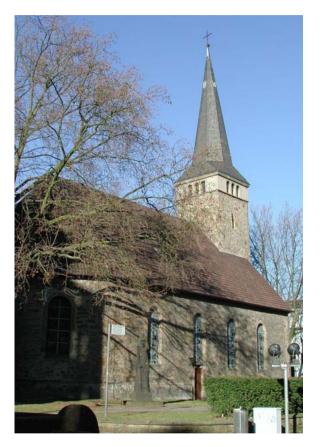
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#### "Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

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