

### Watchword for the Week

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens,  
but you are citizens with the saints and  
members of the household of God.  
(Ephesians 2:19)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

God's Word comes freely,  
offering life in all its fullness;  
**May we be open to receive  
what He longs to give us.**

God calls us by name,  
inviting us to walk 'the narrow way';  
**May we be willing to follow  
wherever His spirit leads.**

God assures us He is with us  
every step of the journey;  
**May we trust His promise  
and know His presence among us.**

**Hymn 530 \*** *One more step along the world*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

In the quiet of the morning  
and the peace of this holy place,  
we call to mind, O God, that you are humbly,  
invisibly present in the life of the world,  
and with us in and through and under  
all experience of living.

**You are the beyond in the midst,  
the other who meets us on the way,  
the kindly light that draws us to each other.**

You are the love that underpins all human loving,  
the love that bears all things,  
endures all things and hopes all things,  
the love that never gives up on us  
and refuses to let us go.

**This we know through him  
who is your way of being in the world,  
Jesus from Nazareth, the man for others.**

He seeks to lead us to that abundant life  
which is your purpose for all of our living,  
**so may we fix our eyes on him,  
take his yoke upon us and learn from him.**

We gather here again to immerse ourselves in  
his story, so that the story of who we are  
cannot be told apart from his influence upon  
our lives, and the story of who we may yet  
become is open to his creative, life giving spirit,  
today and all the days of our lives,  
for your love's sake. **Amen.**

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

With peace, Christ has broken down the walls  
that divide; we are reconciled to God and  
integrated into God's household as forgiven  
people. This will be our strength as we join  
together to build a loving community of faith.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME



**Hymn \*** *Bind us together, Lord (SGP 13)*  
*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,  
O bind us together with love.*

There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one body; that is why we sing:

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(Children may join the Kids' Church summer programme)*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 2:11-22 *NT p. 242 (241)*

St. Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 *NT p. 53*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

The Word of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 739 \*** *The Church's one foundation*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

**Hymn 575** *Over my head, I hear music*  
*(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*  
*(Hymn of the Month, July 2015)*

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**O God, you are the giver of all good things.  
We thank and praise you for your providence  
and the riches of your grace. We dedicate  
ourselves to you in the love and fellowship  
of your Son, our Saviour. Bless us and the  
offerings we now give, using both for the  
advancement of your Kingdom. Amen.**

### NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

To whom shall we/they come but you?

**For yours are the words of eternal life!**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 519 \*** *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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:** Justus Masa  
**Reader:** Astrid Puspita  
**Organ:** Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 123.72.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: ***Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.*** For more information and prayer topics, please visit: [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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Eighth Sunday after  
Pentecost

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30