

### Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Very truly, I tell you,  
whoever believes has eternal life." (John 6:47)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(based on Psalm 130)

Out of the depths of my soul, I cry to you,  
**in times of need, doubt, and fear,  
sorrow and loneliness,  
pain and powerlessness.**

There, in the depths of my despair,  
**marked by my sin and shortcomings,  
you hear my voice and attend to my cries.**

You meet me with forgiveness and steadfast love.  
Even in the depths, I can wait in confidence,  
**trusting that you are journeying with me  
from darkness to light, for with you is  
transformation and redemption.**

My soul waits for you,  
**and in your word I hope.**

**Hymn 543 \*** *Christ, be our light!*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

God, here in this place you draw us into your  
family. Our worldly status does not concern you.  
... We claim to speak on your behalf, but we use  
bitter, unkind words. Lord, have mercy on us.

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

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

If you, our God, were to hold us accountable for  
all our wrongdoings, it would be impossible for  
us to stand under the weight of grief and  
anguish. But this is not our fate, for you hold out  
your hand in forgiveness, and invite us to wash  
away our wrong, our grief, our anguish, and to  
live as redeemed people. Thank you for such  
steadfast love, for such unending kindness.  
**We are truly grateful. Amen.**

### BAPTISM of Milena Felice Pamp

#### Jesus blesses little children

Some people brought children to Jesus for him  
to place his hands on them, but the disciples  
scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he  
was angry and said to his disciples, "Let the  
children come to me, and do not stop them,  
because the Kingdom of God belongs to such  
as these. I assure you that whoever does not  
receive the Kingdom of God like a child will  
never enter it." Then he took the children in his  
arms, placed his hands on each of them, and  
blessed them. [Good News Bible]



#### Die Segnung der Kinder

Und sie brachten Kinder zu ihm, damit er sie  
anrühre. Die Jünger aber fuhren sie an. Als es  
aber Jesus sah, wurde er unwillig und sprach zu  
ihnen: Lasst die Kinder zu mir kommen und  
wehret ihnen nicht; denn solchen gehört das  
Reich Gottes. Wahrlich, ich sage euch: Wer das  
Reich Gottes nicht empfängt wie ein Kind, der  
wird nicht hineinkommen. Und er herzte sie und  
legte die Hände auf sie und segnete sie. [Luther]

### CHILDREN'S TIME

"Wot's water?"

Apostles' Creed / Glaubensbekenntnis  
(See insert – siehe Extrablatt)

### BAPTISM and BLESSING

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church summer programme)

### EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 NT p. 244 (243)

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

**Hymn 522 \*** *The Church is wherever...*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 528 \*** *Make me a channel of your peace  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**God of love, we rejoice again to receive your  
grace in Word and Sacrament. We have  
heard your call and are made new by your  
Spirit. With our gifts, we offer to you our very  
selves. May we nurture one another in faith,  
uphold one another in prayer, encourage one  
another in service, all to your greater glory.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS See Notices overleaf

### PRAYERS for OTHERS (Hymn 805)

God of justice, may your kingdom come:  
**Your will be done on earth, O Lord.** (sung)

**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 182 \*** *Now thank we all our God*

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:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Robert Haworth
  - Organ:** Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 99.53.
- 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 is for **New Zealand** and **Australia**. Information and prayers at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
  - Wed. 12 Aug.:** **ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
  - Fri. 14 Aug.:** **Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- **Autumn dates** – note these in your diaries!
  - Saturday, 22 August** 12:00 - 18:00 hrs  
Gemeindefest in the churchyard.
  - Sunday, 23 August** at 11:00 hrs  
Family Worship (German-English) followed by fellowship lunch in the church halls.
  - Sunday, 6 September** at 12:00 noon  
Bochumer Musiksommer: ecumenical open-air worship at the Kuhhirten statue stage.
  - Sunday, 4 October** at 12:30 hrs  
Harvest Thanksgiving with Gift Auction.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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## Family Worship with Baptism

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30