

Watchword for the Week

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes. (Psalm 19:8)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 126)

When the LORD 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 he did great things for us;
how happy we were!

**Lord, make us prosperous again, just as the
rain brings water back to dry riverbeds.**

Let those who wept as they sowed their seed
gather the harvest with 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

Eternal God, we come to you with hungry
hearts, waiting to be filled:

**waiting to be filled with a sense of your
presence; waiting to be filled with the touch
of your spirit; waiting to be filled with new
energy for service.**

Come to us, we pray. Be with us. Touch us.

**Empower us as your people
that we might worship you here and
act in the world for Jesus' sake.**

Gracious God,
we confess what seems always to be with us:
**broken things within us that seem never to
mend, empty places within us that seem**

**always to ache, things like buds within us
that seem never to flower.**

O God of love and grace,
help us to accept ourselves;
lead us to do those good and true things that
are not compromised by anything within us.
**As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us
bloom. For all these things, we will give you
the glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Hymn 561 * *Blessed assurance*

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: In Jesus, our Lord, we
learn that God's love has no bounds. In Christ
we are forgiven and empowered to begin anew.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Chorus *Kumbaya, my Lord*

*Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Oh Lord, kumbaya.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may go to the halls next door for Kids' Church)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 5:13-20 *NT p. 293 (291)*

St. Mark 9:38-50 *NT p. 59*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 721 * *We lay our broken world*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth*

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

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Generous God, we give thanks for all you
offer to us: for your grace that sustains us;
for your love that strengthens us; for your
peace that supports us; and for your image
which is within us. Bless the gifts we now
offer in recognition of all we receive from
you. May we be instruments of your peace,
love and justice in our church and for others
in our world. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS See also Notices overleaf

PRAYERS for OTHERS / INTERCESSION

Response: Come into our presence, Lord:
Kumbaya, my 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 530 * *One more step along the world*

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: Tamsin Kostrzewa
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 237.02.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is for **Armenia, Azerbaijan** and **Georgia**. Info and prayers at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
Wed. 30 Sept.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church)
Fri. 2 Oct.: Joyful Singers 7 pm (Halls)
- **Forthcoming date** – note in your diaries!
Sunday, 4 October at 12:30 hrs
Harvest Thanksgiving with Gift Auction.
Rev. Dr. Julius Ngwa has been invited
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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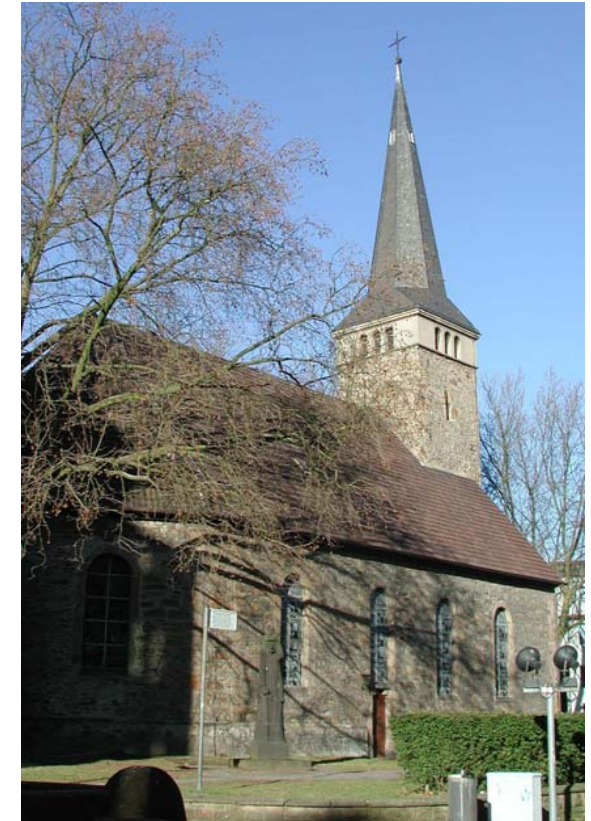
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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30