

### Watchword for the Week

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.  
(Hebrews 2:12)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

### Hymn 129

*Through the love of God*  
(Hymn of the Month, October 2015)

### SERMON

Rev. James Brown

### 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:

### Hymn 769 \*

*Holy, holy, holy*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
you are holy, Lord.*

... 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.)

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Hymn 229 \*** *We plough the fields and scatter*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

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### AUCTION of HARVEST GIFTS

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

### PRAYER of APPROACH

**Choir** *"Almighty God, who hast me brought"*  
Thomas Ford (1580-1648)

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

God pours out mercy until our hearts overflow.  
God's hope is more than we can ever imagine.

**Thank you, God, for wonder, for joy, for new life, for all good gifts. Amen.**

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joel 2:21-27 OT p. 885 (884)

Matthew 6:25-33 NT p. 10

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

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# Notices

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- 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:** Herold Dehling  
**Reader:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner  
**Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 181.10.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Church Halls** next door to the church for refreshments and continued fellowship.
- Our former **ECC Treasurer** Ulrich Schwarz passed away early last Wednesday after a long illness. The funeral service will be in the Pauluskirche at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 October, followed by interment of ashes at Stiepel municipal graveyard.
- **Diary for the week ahead:**  
**Wed. 7 Oct.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church) with new choir leader Ropudani Simanjuntak  
**Fri. 9 Oct.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is for **Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.** Info at: [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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## Harvest Thanks with Holy Communion

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

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Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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