Watchword for the Week

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.

(Mark 10:45)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRFLUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Verses from Psalm 34)

I will always thank the LORD;
I will never stop praising him.
I will praise him for what he has done; may all who are oppressed listen and be glad!

Proclaim with me the LORD's greatness; let us praise his name together!

I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me; he freed me from all my fears.

The oppressed look to him and are glad; they will never be disappointed.

The helpless call to him, and he answers; he saves them from all their troubles.

Find out for yourself how good the LORD is. *Happy are those who find safety with him.*

Hymn 210 * Awake, my soul, and with the sun **People's Choice Hymns** are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH and CONFESSION

Awake my soul, Lord, for sometimes it slumbers long beyond the alarm call. The day is half done before it stirs at the sight of you. It is often short on awe in the face of life's mundane, and mystery passes it by like the morning express.

Awake my soul, Lord, that I may know wonder today.

Chorus (Taizé No. 5) Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who rescues me from death. God in community,
today may I be faithful,
may I honour
those who love me most
and may I respond
with respect, honesty
and compassion
towards all the neighbours I will meet –
the ones I expect to meet,
the familiar ones who will surprise me
and the ones who are as strangers
but to whom I have a duty of care.

Chorus (Taizé No. 5) Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Gracious and Eternal God, who calls to us through the whirlwind and also in the silence, so encamp, we pray, around our hearts this day, that we might know our burdens shared and our cares lifted, that we might regain and renew our trust in your strength, that we might ever more be transformed into your image, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all glory and praise. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Word of Grace. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Chorus (Taizé No. 5) Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 42:1-6 + 10-17

OT p. 535 (533)

St. Mark 10:46-52

NT p. 61

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Word of God. Thanks be to God!

Hymn 555 *

Amazing grace!

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 562

Through the love of God (Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

(**Hymn of the Month,** October 2015)

DEDICATION PRAYER

We know that you hear us, Gracious God, and that in your love you answer us. You call people to freedom, to justice, and to new life. Take these gifts we offer; use them and us to further your work in our world, that we might do what we can to encourage freedom, and justice, and new life. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS Where we are blind: **Lord**, **help us to see**.

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 710 *

"I have a dream"

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:

Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner Duty elder: Reader: Heinrich Ohlendorf Ingeborg Maiwald Organ:

- > Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last Sunday's offering totalled € 253.04.
- > After worship, you are invited to the Kirchencafé next door to the church for refreshments and continued fellowship.
- > Diary for the week ahead:

Wed. 28 Oct.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church) Fri. 30 Oct.: Joyful Singers 7 pm (Halls)

- > "Big Sing" community singing of modern worship songs with John Bell of the Iona Community on Saturday, 31 October in the Trinitatiskirche, Filzengraben 6, 50678 Köln from 15-17 hrs (admission from 14:00 hrs)
- > Exploring Faith our discussion option before worship (from 10:30 to 12:00 in the youth clubroom): talking openly about aspects of the Christian faith over a "second breakfast". Next session: 1 November.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is for Indian Ocean islands: Comoros. Madagascar, Mauritius, the Seychelles, and the Maldives. More information and prayers at: 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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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found. was blind, but now I see.

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30