

Watchword for the Week

Why do you look for the living among the dead?
Jesus is not here, but has risen. (Luke 24:5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Christ is risen! **Alleluia!**
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This is the day of new creation.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day of resurrection.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day of peace restored.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day of life abundant.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen! **Alleluia!**
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Hymn 410 * *Jesus Christ is risen today*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Christ our life, you are alive in the beauty of the earth, in the rhythm of the seasons, in the mystery of time and space. **Alleluia!**

Christ our life, you are alive in the tenderness of touch, in the heartbeat of intimacy, in the insights of solitude. **Alleluia!**

Christ our life, you are alive to offer new creation to every unhealed hurt, to every deadened place, to every damaged heart.
Alleluia!

When we are in despair, when the world is full of grief, when we see no way ahead and hope has gone away: **Roll back the stone.**

Although we fear change, although we are not ready, although we would rather weep and run away: **Roll back the stone.**

Because we have come with the women, and we hope where hope is vain, and because you call us from the grave and show the way: **Roll back the stone. Live among us now. Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, gives us strength to believe and courage to live the gospel. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ECC Choir *Song of Joy (Psalm 126)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25 *OT p. 728 (729)*

Hymn 241 * *Isaiah the prophet has written*

St. John 20:1-18 *NT p. 144*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 406 * *They crucified my Saviour*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 237 * *Look forward in faith*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

ACCLAMATION of FAITH

Risen Lord,
You love us. You call us. You change us.
Let us recognise your coming, however gently or dramatically you approach us.
Let us recognise your coming, whoever you use to make yourself known to us.
Let us recognise your coming, whatever time or situation you use to approach us.
Let us recognise your compassionate emergence into the dark places of our lives, your generous summons which you constantly utter, your transforming touch upon the bleak places of our world.
Lord of life, of hope, of resurrection, we dedicate ourselves to you. Amen.

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: May your kingdom come: **Hymn 805**
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

PASSING the PEACE

Hymn 685 *For everyone born, a place...*
(Bread and wine are brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, March 2016)

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

... we may continue faithful in all things. **In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

BREAKING of BREAD

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.

SHARING the ELEMENTS
(please come forward for communion)

NOTICES and THANKSGIVING

Hymn 419 * *Thine be the glory*

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*.
- **Holy Communion** forms part of today's worship. You are **invited to participate**.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Jimmimah Ujma
 - Readers:** Herold and Gundi Dehling
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 226.99.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **China, Hong Kong and Macao**. More info at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



"Like knowing God, knowing the resurrection of Jesus is not something that is given once and for all. We must keep creating our horizon of understanding, and we must keep alive our hope and praxis of love at every moment."

Jon Sobrino: *Christology at the Crossroads*



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Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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