

### Watchword for the Week

For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations. (Psalm 22:28)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

the tempest that takes hold of us,  
the storm that rages around us,  
**but you are not there.**

Sometimes we look for you in the earthquake,  
in the thundering upheaval,  
in the turmoil of moving places,  
**but you are not there.**

And sometimes we look for you in the fire,  
in the burning brightness,  
crackling and sparkling,  
**but you are not there.**

We seek you, God, in the spectacular,  
in displays of power and glory.  
We long for your help  
as we stand in the doorway of our caves,  
sheltering from the demanding, critical world,  
caught between our fears and our faith,  
remembering our failures, our regrets, our loss.  
**We are looking for you but we do not find  
you; we seek forgiveness, if it is possible,  
if it may be possible – even for us.**

**Hymn 97**                      *O God, you search me*

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

Worn out by our hopelessness, in the stillness,  
and in quietness, and in silence... we begin to  
feel your presence and hear your voice within us  
and around us, calling us out of turmoil into  
peace, out of fear and into freedom, calling us to  
step out of the darkness and into the light, **for  
the world and all within it belong to you and  
you are with us always, within and without.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15 a                      *OT p. 355 (354)*

**Hymn 800 \***                      *Thuma mina (Send me, Lord)*  
*(Hymn of the Month, June 2016)*

St. Luke 8:26-39                      *NT p. 86*  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 606**                      *Lord, you sometimes speak in...*

SERMON                      Prof. Dr. Mark Burrows  
*(United Church of Christ, USA)*

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

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**Your generous gifts to us, O God,  
are more than we can count.  
With grateful hearts we dedicate to you  
our work, our talents, our time,  
and pray that you will use us  
in the service of your kingdom;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS  
Whatever our journey, O Lord:  
**walk with us on the way.**

**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 622 \***                      *We sing a love...*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

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WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(Verses from Psalms 42-43)

As a deer longs for a stream of cool water,  
so I long for you, O God. I thirst for you,  
the living God; where can I go  
and worship in your presence?

**Day and night I cry, and tears are my only  
food; all the time my enemies ask me,  
"Where is your God?"**

My heart breaks when I remember the past,  
when I went with the crowds to the house of God  
and led them as they walked along, a happy  
crowd, singing and shouting praise to God,  
**Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled?  
I will put my hope in God, and once again  
I will praise him, my saviour and my God.**

Here in exile, my heart is breaking, and so I turn  
my thoughts to him. He has sent waves of  
sorrow over my soul; chaos roars at me like a  
flood, like waterfalls thundering down to the  
Jordan from Mount Hermon and Mount Mizar.  
**May the Lord show his constant love during  
the day, so that I may have a song at night,  
a prayer to the God of my life.**

Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled?  
I will put my hope in God, and once again  
I will praise him, my saviour and my God.  
**Send your light and your truth. Then I will go  
to your altar, O God; I will play my harp and  
sing praise to you, O God, my God.**

**Hymn 189 \***                      *Be still...*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

We are looking for you, God.  
Sometimes we look for you in the rushing wind,

# 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:**
  - Preacher:** Prof. Dr. Mark Burrows
  - Duty elder:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
  - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Brazil**. Information, link and details at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- The final **Exploring faith** session in the present series is on Sunday 26 June at 10:30 a.m. in the youth cellar: Theme: **"Pray like a gourmet"** looking at prayer diversity.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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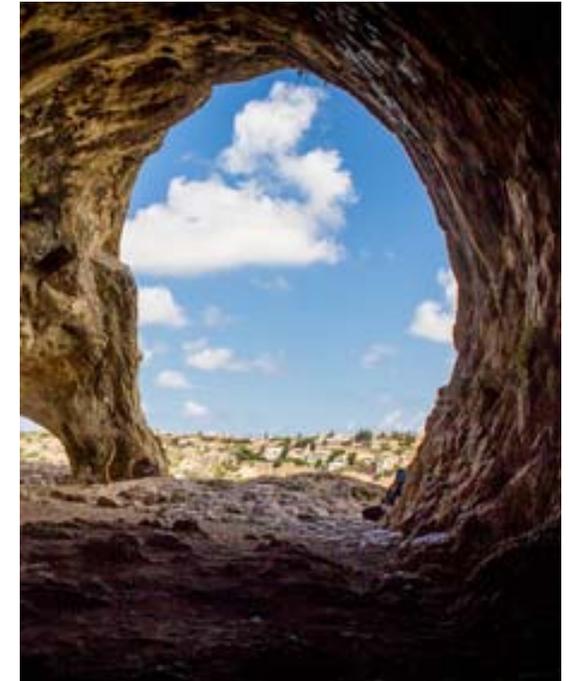
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Looking out from Elijah's cave, Haifa, Israel

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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