

Watchword for the Week

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on verses from Psalm 82)

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

***“How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and destitute;
rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”***

Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you.

Hymn 720 *There is a longing in our hearts*
(Hymn of the Month, July 2016)

PRAYER of ADORATION and CONFESSION

Almighty God,
we come into your presence;
with the burdens of work, home and community;
with the heavy load of our fears and
hopelessness, and we come, seeking your
peace, drawing closer to you, and seeking
forgiveness.

Encouraging God,
when we have failed to make space for you,
when our selfishness has meant that we have
walked on by on the other side of the road,
forgive us.

When we have thought more about ourselves,
and how things might look to others,
forgive us.

Patient God, when we have failed to look after
others; when we fail to see your face in those
who need our help; ***forgive us.***

We remember how when we were far off,
you opened your arms to welcome us,
letting go of all our mistakes.

***May we be people who care; people who are
careless with love and all we have from you.***

Take our sins away; loving God;
let us know that we are forgiven;
turn our humiliation into humility,
and make us greater, wiser, truer, stronger,
holier than we could ever be on our own;
and make our lives in every word and deed,
signs of your love, now, and for ever more.

Hymn 21 (1) *Lord, teach me all your ways*

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Come and walk with us, your people
for you alone are our strength and glory;
come walk behind us, beside us, before us,
for you alone are our shelter and direction;
come God, come seek and find and put us right,
***for you alone are the light in our darkness
and we put our trust in you.***

God is our light and our salvation,
and so we say: ***Thanks be to God! Amen!***

Hymn 577 * *Christ be beside me*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 7:1-9 OT p. 892 (891)

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

St. Luke 10:25-37 NT p. 91
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 544 * *When I needed a neighbour*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***Living, loving God,
as your people we dedicate to you
our offering of our gifts and of ourselves.
May we be good neighbours to others.
Make us aware of other people in our
community; aware of those who suffer
because of the world's inequalities.
May we live as you would have us live.
Amen.***

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, hear us and be near us:

Hymn 801 * *Ubi caritas et amor.*

***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 519 * *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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:**
 - Reader:** Katherine Masa
 - Organ:** Katharina Zentgraf
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 255.14.
- 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 **Columbia, Ecuador, and Venezuela**. There is a link to prayers and the WCC webpage from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- On Friday evening, our **Rotterdam** sister congregation's new minister, **Rev. Derek Lawson**, was installed. We wish Derek and the Scots International Church well as they settle into working together in and for the city of Rotterdam. (After a two-year vacancy, this also now marks the end of Pastor Jimmy's frequent trips to the Netherlands!)
- Special **holiday events** in the Bochum city during July may present difficulties for getting to church. Please be aware of the following and make special arrangements if needed:
 - 14-17 July Bochum Total Music Festival**
 - 31 July Sparkassen Giro cycle race**
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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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

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