

Watchword for the Week

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope. (Psalm 130:5)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

We ask your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Hymn 160 v. 4* *Frail as summer's flowers*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn 160 v. 5* *Angels, help us to adore him*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Romans 8:6-11 *NT p. 195*

Hymn 619 + 620 * *Spirit of the living God*

St. John 11:1-4, 17-27, 38-45 *NT p. 132*

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

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Hymn 347 *Unless a single grain of wheat fall*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, March 2015)

AFFIRMATION of FAITH United Church of Canada

We are not alone. We live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made
flesh, to reconcile and make new;
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

PASSING the PEACE

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 251 * *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Psalm 130)

From the depths of my despair
I call to you, LORD. **Hear my cry, O LORD;**
listen to my call for help!

If you kept a record of our sins,
who could escape being condemned?
But you forgive us, so that
we should stand in awe of you.

I wait eagerly for the LORD's help,
and in his word I trust.

I wait for the LORD more eagerly
than the watchmen wait for the dawn.

Israel, trust in the LORD, because his love is
constant and he is always willing to save.
He will save his people Israel
from all their sins.

Hymn 160 v. 1-3* *Praise, my soul, the King*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Jesus, I am not worthy
to have you come under my roof.
But only say the word,
and your servant will be healed.

Let us confess our sins.

God of all mercy, we confess before you and
each other that we have been unfaithful to
you. We lack love for our neighbors, we
waste opportunities to do good, and we look
the other way when you cry out to us in the
suffering of our brothers and sisters in need.
We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both
those we commit deliberately and those we
allow to overtake us.

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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament. *Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to share the sacrament too.*
- **Today's worship team:**
Preacher: Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows
Duty Elder: Jimmimah Ujma
Reader: Eric Chinasa Obimdi
Music: Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 222.15.
- 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 **Brunei, Malaysia** and **Singapore**. Details at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **International churches** in Bochum are organising multilingual worship for 5 June (Pentecost). Contact Pastor Jimmy if you are interested in joining the planning group.
- Join the **Reforma(c)tion 500** challenge to record **Das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten**. Ask Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>
- **"Exploring the Bible"** study group sessions are in the *Jugendkeller* of the Church Halls at 10:30 am Sundays. Course booklets: € 15.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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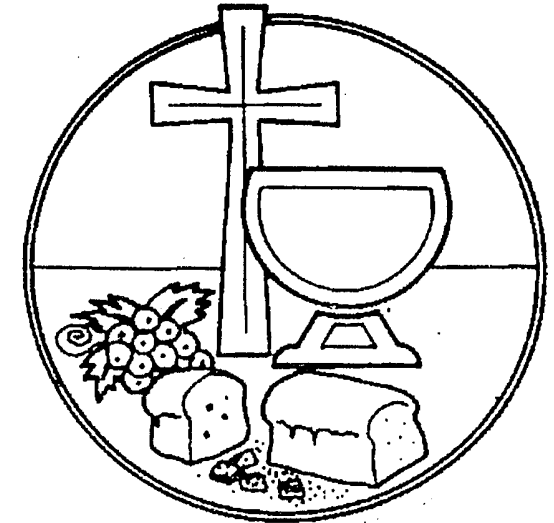
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Lent 5

Holy Communion

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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