

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says,
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one
comes to the Father except through me"
(John 14:6)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

there with them, and we believe that through the Holy Spirit, that promise is fulfilled for us now.

Our worship reminds us of who you are, the creator God, who made heaven and earth, who came to us in the person of Jesus, your son to reveal your mercy and love.

**And our worship reminds us of we are –
your children, forgiven, cared for,
and given our purpose in you.**

Great giver of life, we confess that when we try to find our purpose in the things we accomplish, or the possessions we own or in the labels others give us, we are disappointed.

So we return to you again and ask you to renew in us the sense of what you have created us to be. In the great stories of the Bible and in the presence of the living Jesus, **help us to re-discover our deepest calling so that we may live as your people in a needy world. Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Jesus said, "Do not be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me." We can trust in Jesus always, for he offers mercy and forgiveness to us over and over again. We are forgiven, and loved by God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME



Hymn 204 v. 1+2+5* *I am the Church!*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 2:2-10 *NT p. 295 (293)*

St. John 14:1-14 *NT p. 137*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 259 v. 1+2+5 *Beauty for brokenness*
(Hymn of the Month, March 2017)

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 414 *Come, you faithful, raise the strain*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, May 2017)

DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

We bring ourselves, Creator God: living stones that you can build into vessels of healing and transformation for our world. Use us, and the gifts we bring, to make a difference in the lives of others. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: You are my strong rock,
my strong rock and my shelter.

The LORD'S PRAYER (Portuguese)
(Please use your preferred language for praying.)
English words at: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

Pai nosso, que estais no céu, santificado seja o Vosso nome; venha a nós o Vosso reino; seja feita a Vossa vontade, assim na terra como no céu. O pão nosso de cada dia nos dai hoje; perdoai-nos as nossas ofensas, assim como nós perdoamos a quem nos tem ofendido; e não nos deixeis cair em tentação; mas livrai-nos do mal. Vosso é o Reino e o Poder e a Glória para sempre. Amen.

Hymn 739 * *The Church's one foundation*

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

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WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 31)

I come to you, LORD, for protection;
never let me be defeated.

You are a righteous God; save me, I pray!

Hear me! Save me now!

**Be my refuge to protect me;
my defence to save me.**

You are my refuge and defence; guide me
and lead me as you have promised.

**Keep me safe from the trap that has
been set for me; shelter me from danger.**

I place myself in your care.

**You will save me, Lord;
you are a faithful God.**

I am always in your care;
save me from my enemies,
from those who persecute me.

**Look on your servant with kindness;
save me in your constant love!**

Hymn 200 * *Christ is made the sure foundation*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Gracious God, as we gather now in this place at this time, may our senses be alive to your presence among us. We bring our sight and our sense of smell, our hearing, our sense of taste and our touch.

**We bring our hearts and minds and spirits.
Open us up to your presence here we pray.**

We remember and claim the promise of Jesus that where two or three gather in his name, he is

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 189.67.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Kenya** and **Tanzania**. Link to prayers from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Join the **das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten** challenge! Talk to Michelle or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>.
- **What is the Bible?** The final session in our study group series "**Exploring the Bible**" ("*The Bible and Archaeology*") is on 21 May at 10:30 am in the cellar of the Church Halls).
- **Pentecost 2017**
Please note the earlier starting times!
 - Sunday, 4 June** ("Pfingstsonntag")
11:00 am **Joint worship** (English-German) with Holy Communion
 - Monday, 5 June** ("Pfingstmontag")
11:00 am **International worship** with migrant churches from Bochum with Holy Communion
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Come as living stones,
and let yourselves be used in
building the spiritual temple.
(1 Peter 2:5)

Easter 5

"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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