

### Watchword for the Week

The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.  
(Psalm 100:5)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(Verses from Psalm 116)

I love the LORD, because he hears me;  
he listens to my prayers.  
**He listens to me every time I call to him.**

What can I offer the LORD  
for all his goodness to me?  
**I will bring a wine offering to the LORD,  
to thank him for saving me.  
In the assembly of all his people  
I will give him what I have promised.**

I am your servant, Lord;  
I serve you, just as my mother did.  
**You saved me from death.  
I will give you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and offer my prayer to you.**

In the assembly of all your people,  
in the sanctuary of your Temple,  
I will give you what I have promised.  
**Praise the LORD!**

**Hymn 175 \*** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

From "A Wee Worship Book" (Wild Goose Resource Group)

From before the world began  
and after the end of eternity, you are God.

From the sea bursting from its womb  
to the wind ceasing from its chase, you are God.

In the vastness of the universe and  
the forgotten corners of our hearts, you are God.  
**You are our God, and we bless you.**

Because the world is beautiful,  
and beauty is a tender thing,

and we are caretakers of creation,  
we need you, God. **We need you, God.**

Because human knowledge seems endless,  
"the world is our oyster",  
and we do not know what we do not know,  
we need you, God. **We need you, God.**

Because we can live without you  
and are free to go against you  
and could worship our wisdom alone,  
we need you, God. **We need you, God.**

Because you came among us  
and sat beside us,  
and heard us speak and saw us ignore you,  
and healed our pain and let us wound you,  
and loved us to the end  
and triumphed over all our hatred  
we need you, God. **We need you, God.**

Because you, not we, are God,  
we need you, God. **We need you, God.**  
(Silence)

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

Listen, for the God who created us says,  
"Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name: you are mine. You  
are precious to me. I love you, I honour you,  
I am with you." **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn 191 \*** *Do not be afraid*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 18:1-15 *OT p. 17*

St. Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 *NT p. 14*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 665** *One bread, one body, one Lord*  
(Hymn of the Month, June 2017)

### SERMON

Pastorin Birgit Weinbrenner

**Hymn 527 \*** *Lord, make us servants*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

**Maker of all, we are your children,  
the creatures of your kindness,  
the bearers of your image.**

**This day, we will walk by your light, follow  
your Son, and live by your Spirit.**

**This day, we will not offer to you offerings  
that cost us nothing. For this is the day that  
the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be  
glad in it. Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: You, O Lord,  
**you are our hope and joy.**

### The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

**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, 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:**
  - Preacher:** Pastorin Birgit Weinbrenner
  - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Brazil**. Link to prayers from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Give thanks** and pray for Jiaxin from China who worshipped regularly with us while studying in Bochum, and who is to be baptized today in Karlsruhe.
- **'Hagar'- a Global Opera Performance** is a theatre production involving local Jewish, Moslem, Christian groups (including our own **ECC Choir**) at the *Bochum Kammerspiele*
  - Thursday, 29 June** at 19:30 hrs **Premiere** (very few remaining tickets available)
  - Sunday, 2 July** at 19:00 hrs tickets € 11.00 - € 30.50 (€ 7.00 - € 15.50)
- Join the **das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten** challenge! Talk to Michelle or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>.
- 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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