

### Watchword for the Week

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.  
(Psalm 89:15)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

WORDS of ASSURANCE (Romans 6:18, 23)  
Sisters and brothers, be at peace; you have  
been freed from sin that you may serve with  
righteousness. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 6:12-23 NT p. 193

St. Matthew 10:40-42 NT p. 16 (15)  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

Hymn 188 *Thou hidden love of God*  
(Hymn of the Month, July 2017)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

AFFIRMATION of FAITH (in unison)

**We believe in God above us, Maker and  
Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,  
of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;  
he descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb;  
he ascended into heaven  
to be everywhere present;  
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the church,  
spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and eternal life.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS for OTHERS  
God, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The LORD'S PRAYER Hymn 652, Second Form (b)

Hymn 665 *One bread, one body, one Lord*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)  
(Hymn of the Month, June 2017)

### COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**  
Let us give thanks to God our Maker.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...east and west, we join our praise, singing the  
song of your eternal greatness:

Hymn 769 \* *Holy, holy, holy*

He promised to be with those who met in his  
name: **This we believe.**

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful  
people: **This we believe.**

He said that in the communion of bread and  
wine he would be present to us as we  
remembered him: **This we celebrate.**

### BREAKING of the BREAD

...We believe that he who lived, died and rose  
again for us will meet us here. **Graciously  
nourish us, O Christ, so that we who try to  
follow you may receive food for the journey  
and be bound in solidarity with all who walk  
in your way. Amen.**

Hymn 778 *Lamb of God, you take away*

The COMMUNION (please come forward)

The PEACE (all share a sign of peace)

### PRAYER and BLESSING

May the everlasting God  
shield you wherever you go.

And the blessing of God be upon you;  
**the blessing of the Giver of life.**

The blessing of God be upon you;  
**the blessing of the Christ of love.**

The blessing of God be upon you;  
**the blessing of the Spirit of peace.**

The blessing of the Trinity be upon you,  
now and evermore. **Amen.**

### NOTICES

Hymn 511 *Your hand, O God, has guided*

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(Verses from Psalm 89)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,  
**and proclaim your faithfulness  
to all generations.**

Your steadfast love endures forever.  
**Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens**

Happy are those who sing your praise  
**and extol your righteousness all the day.**

Hymn 153 \* *Great is thy faithfulness*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH (based on Psalm 89,  
Matthew 10:40-42, and Romans 6:12-23)

Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent  
and patiently love us beyond all measure.  
**Great is your faithfulness.**

Steadfast God, you walk with us as a loving  
brother and patiently bear our burdens.  
**Great is your faithfulness.**

Steadfast God, you go before us as a loving  
guide and patiently inspire improvement in us.  
**Great is your faithfulness.**

Let us therefore confess our sins, faults and  
shortcomings in humility before God:

**O Lord, you taught us to love you and our  
neighbour, but we have not lived in right  
relationship or walked in the light of your  
love. Forgive us for the wrongs we have  
done; we know that the wages of sin is  
death. Yet we trust in your gift of  
forgiveness, which is freedom and life in  
Christ. Amen.**

Hymn 97 v. 1-3 \* *O God, you search me*

# 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:**  
**Reader:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner  
**Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last week's offering totalled € 178.60.
- 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 **Bolivia, Chile** and **Peru**. Link to prayers from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **'Hagar'- a Global Opera Performance** at the *Bochum Kammerspiele* **TONIGHT** at 19:00 hrs € 11.00 - € 30.50 (€ 7.00 - € 15.50)
- Note **restricted access** to Bochum City on **Sunday 9 July** (Bochum Total), and make alternative arrangements to get to church.
- The **PCC Ruhrgebiet** has invited us to the inauguration of its CMF / CWF at 12:30 hrs on **Sunday 9 July**, Sunderplatz 4, 45472 Mülheim with Rt. Rev. Fonki Samuel Forba.
- 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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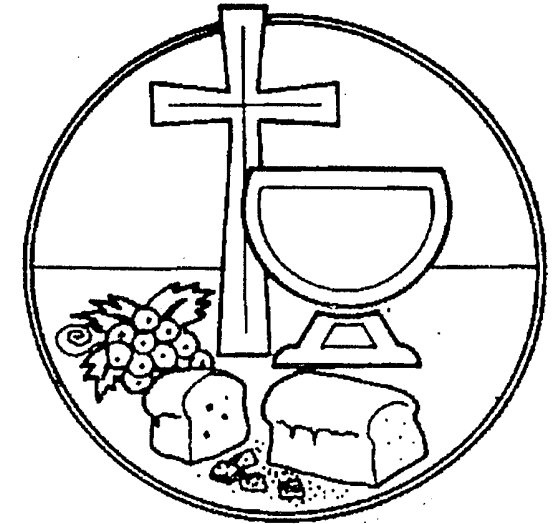
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Holy Communion

"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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