

Watchword for the Week

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. (Psalm 145:9)

(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.

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.**

ANTHEM *You are the Light* (Tom Fettke)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31 OT p. 35

St. Matthew 14:13-21 NT p. 22

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 178 *God is good, we sing and shout it*
(Hymn of the Month, August 2017)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 257 * *Singing, we gladly worship*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

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.**

ANTHEM *Day by Day* (Jay Althouse)

SHARING GOD'S 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:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*

... 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

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

Hymn 661 *Eat this bread, drink this wine;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

NOTICES and THANKSGIVING

Hymn 543 * *Christ, be our light*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Like a hungry crowd, **we come to be fed.**

Like an anxious child,

we come to be comforted.

Like a forlorn friend,

we come seeking kindness.

Like an agitated mob,

we come demanding answers.

Like a refugee, **we come needing a home.**

Like a joyous bride, **we come to share our joy.**

Like a newborn babe, **we come with hearts**

and minds open to all that life offers.

Like pilgrims of old, **we come looking for truth.**

Here we reach out to grasp your hand,

here we meet you face-to-face

and we are glad. Amen.

Hymn 484 * *Great God, your love has called*

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Herold Dehling
 - Music:** Dani Simanjuntak (Organ)
The ECC Choir
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 131.20.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Give thanks and pray** for *Karl Waldbauer and Dana Saracut*, married on 28th July, and for baby *Emily*, daughter of Sven Oliver Proksch and Rebecca Harrington and sister of Liam, baptised earlier today, 6th August.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Canada** and the **U.S.A.** Link to prayers from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Visit the **International Presbytery prayer blog** at www.irenebom.com/prayer_matters for regularly updated prayers and meditations.
- 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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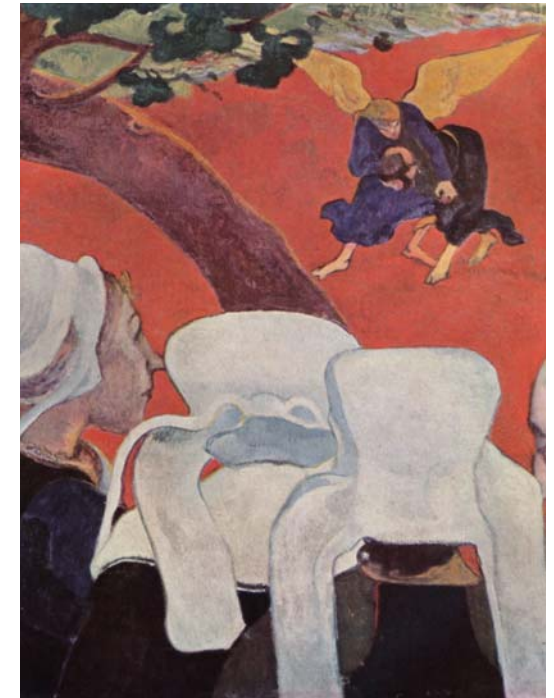
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Paul Gauguin (1848-1903)
"Vision after the Sermon" (1888), Detail

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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