

**Watchword for the Week**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
(Psalm 67:5)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

**Forgive us, Lord, when we dare  
to determine who is 'in' and who is 'out'.**

Forgive us, Lord,  
when our words and actions bring discord when  
we are called to bring harmony.

**Forgive us, Lord, when we put up walls that  
cause division and pain when we are called  
to unite and to care.**

Inspire us with your word and bless our hearts  
and voices, which we raise to you this day.  
In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord: **Amen.**

**ASSURANCE of PARDON**

God is saving us by divine mercy. We are not  
exempted from God's mercy; we are saved in  
spite of ourselves. When we are good and when  
we are bad, we are God's beloved children.  
This is God's assurance to us all.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Hymn 359 \*** *He came down that we may have  
...love. ...peace. ...joy. ...life.*

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 

Genesis 45:1-15 OT p. 49

**Hymn 772 \*** *In the Lord I'll be ever thankful*

St. Matthew 15:21-28 NT p. 23  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**SERMON** Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 624** *In Christ there is no east or west*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

**DEDICATION PRAYER** (in unison)

**O Lord, you challenge us to be hospitable, to  
discover you in those who are different from  
us. You continually invite us to bridge the  
gaps, to open the doors, to break down the  
walls which we create to make us separate.**

**Help us and be with us as we seek to cross  
the chasms of misunderstanding and fear,  
to open doors, which shut out and exclude,  
to dismantle walls which divide and  
separate. So may we live together, share  
together, learn together, celebrate together  
and together be your one people. Amen.**

**Choruses \*** *Dependable, reliable God  
He's a miracle working God*

**Dependable, reliable God (2x)**  
**I will do as you say,  
you are worthy to be praised,  
dependable, reliable God.**

**He's a miracle working God. (2x)**  
**He's the Alpha and the Omega,  
He's a miracle working God.**

**NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS**

Response: *Servant God:  
let us honour you with our lives.*

**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 706** *For the healing of the nations*  
(Tune: Cwm Rhonda, Hymn 113)

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP**

People of God, how good and pleasant it is  
that we have come as kindred together:  
Here we remember our Creator,  
**the lover and maker of all, who called  
Earth and all its creatures into being.**

Here we are embraced  
in the loving hospitality of God.  
**Who knows us as beloved, and holds us in  
kindness and care all the days of our lives.**

Here we meet Christ risen.  
**We remember we are baptized into  
the way of compassion, and we open our  
hearts and minds to the Spirit of grace.**

Here we build the church.  
**We remember the patriarchs and matriarchs  
of the Hebrew Scriptures, the apostles of the  
early church and those whose mission has  
brought us to this place, and we stand ready  
to take our place with them.**

Here we remember that we are family,  
**sisters and brothers on a journey of faith,  
called to be light and salt,  
and bringers of restoration and peace.**

**Hymn 623** 1-2, 4\* *Here in this place...*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

**PRAYER of APPROACH**

Loving God,  
we gather here this day as your Church.  
**We gather as a family ... your family.**

Parent God, we come to offer  
our praise and our thanks for your care,  
your love and your teaching.

# 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:**
  - Reader:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
  - Music:** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 269.39.
- 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 **The Pacific islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanaky) and French Polynesia (Tahiti)**. Link to further information and prayer topics from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Visit the **International Presbytery prayer blog** at [www.irenebom.com/prayer\\_matters](http://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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Members of the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries during worship on Saturday, 12 August 2017 at the University campus church in Charlottesville, Virginia, USA.

**"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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