

Watchword for the Week

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget
all his benefits. (Psalm 103:2)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS of WELCOME

CALL to WORSHIP

We worship God
who caused the sea to look and flee.
God is our strength; we will praise God!

We worship God in whose presence
the mountains and hills skipped.
God is our strength; we will praise God!

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the
Almighty, the One who turns rock into
pools of water and flint into springs.
God is our strength; we will praise God!

Hymn 176 *Let's sing unto the Lord*
(Hymn of the Month, September 2017)

PRAYER of APPROACH
ending in the following Prayer of Confession:

When we participate in ways that hurt others,
even while we strive for freedom, restore us.
**May we trust in your power
more than in ourselves.**

When we ignore voices that don't agree with us,
even as we seek to hear calls
for justice and hope, give us courage.
**May we trust in your power
more than in ourselves.**

When we quietly or not so quietly rejoice
in violence or the ruin of enemies or the
hurt of the one who hurts, return us to mercy.
**May we trust in your power
more than in ourselves.**

Hymn 776 * *Kyrie eleison*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

God's mercy, as well as God's power, are true.
God will grant us courage, compassion,
and a constant presence in the midst of our
shortcomings. Believe in the good news: We are
forgiven and renewed to live fully in God's ways.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 14:10-18 OT p. 70

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

Exodus 14:19-31 OT p. 70

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



St. Matthew 18:21-35 NT p. 27
People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 613 *Gracious Spirit, hear our pleading*
(Hymn of the Month, June 2011)

SERMON Dipl. Theol. Geeske Brinkmann
(Humboldt University, Berlin)

Hymn 191 * *Do not be afraid*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)
Use these our gifts, O God,
to lead your people from death to life
and from fear to hope.
May our giving strengthen our trust in your
power and loosen our tongues and feet
to celebrate your glory in our lives. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS See Notices overleaf

PRAYERS for OTHERS
Response: The Lord is full of compassion:
his love lasts for ever.

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 530 * *One more step along the world*

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:** Geeske Brinkmann, Dipl. Theol., Humboldt University
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Bible Study Session #2: A Personal Journey** in the new series "Discipleship: The Journey of Faith" is on **Tuesday, 19 September** at 19:30 hrs (7:30 p.m.) in the Dehling family home, Uhlandstr. 60, behind the Mining Museum. *All are welcome!*
- **"Intentionally International"** weekend on **23 – 24 September** with Rev Anitra Kitts (PCUSA) will explore what it means to be a multicultural church. Register with Rev. Jimmy for the workshop on **Sat., 23 Sept.**
- Our **Harvest Thanks** worship (with the now traditional auction of harvest gifts) will be on **Sunday, 1 October** at 12:30 hrs. Invitation letters are available from Derick Fonjong.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on the **Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania**. Link to details of prayer petitions via: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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"Moses parting the Red Sea" (Detail)
from the illuminated manuscript
Hortus Deliciarum (ca. 1180)

"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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