

Watchword for the Week

Paul wrote: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

In humility, may we serve as you call us to and be your people in the places we inhabit, so that in our words and actions we may also lead others to living streams, so that together we may share in your grace. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

The good news is this:
God loves and forgives us,
and forever invites us to be made whole;
His new people, at one with His creation.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn 65 * *Jubilate, everybody*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7 OT p. 73

St. Luke 17:11-19 NT p. 102

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 229 * *We plough the fields and scatter*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

HARVEST OFFERING ***Medley of choruses***

Please come forward during the singing – place your offerings of money in the basket at the steps and lay your harvest gifts on or beside the tables on either side of the altar.

BAPTISMAL PROCESSION

APOSTLES' CREED (Hymnary, No. 628)

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

PRAYER and ACT of BAPTISM

Hymn 636 * *Baptized in water*
(Tune: **Buessan** – Hymn 212)

PRAYERS for OTHERS
Lord, in your mercy: ***Hear our prayer.***

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

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.

SHARING BREAD and WINE
(please come forward for communion)

NOTICES and THANKSGIVING

Hymn 562 * *Through the love of God*

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

AUCTION of HARVEST GIFTS

You are invited to remain seated for the auction of harvest gifts with which today's celebrations will now continue. Praise the Lord, giver of all good things, with your bidding and your giving!

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WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Verses from Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth,
***Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.***

Know that the LORD is God.
***It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.***

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn 185 * *Come, children, join and sing*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH

We thank you, gracious God, for all that you have given us: the land and its resources, freedom and its rights and responsibilities, the joy of sharing, the wonders of new life, and the gift of this day.

Guide us to be ever mindful of all you have done for us that we might never stop giving thanks for all things great and small.

Water of life, refresh our weary bones, cleanse our failed actions, nourish our parched souls. Forgive us for the words unspoken,
the actions that have hurt others,
the thoughts which lack charity,
and lead us on to where we should be,
not always where we want to be, but where you need us to offer our life as your disciples.

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:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Gundi Dehling
 - Music:** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
The Joyful Singers
- **Baptism** *Jeremiah Kazanecki*, infant son of Robert Abunaw and Annemarie Kazanecki will be baptised as part of today's worship.
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €231.70. Our total Harvest 2016 offering was €1603.64.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Church Hall** to share a pot-luck buffet lunch and continued fellowship together.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia**. Information and prayers via the website: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Bible Study** "Discipleship: The Journey of Faith". *Session #4: A Journey of Discovery* is on **Tuesday, 10 September** at 19:30 hrs (7:30 p.m.) in the Dehling family home, Uhlandstr. 60, behind the Mining Museum. *There will be no session on 3 October.*
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Harvest Thanks
with Infant Baptism
and Holy Communion

"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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