

Watchword for the Week

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (Psalm 130:2)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 138 – New International Version)

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and I will praise your name for your love and faithfulness.

Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; with your right hand you save me.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth.

May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

Hymn 257 * *Singing, we gladly worship*
People’s Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Way beyond all journeying,
Truth behind all mystery,
Life within all living:
we praise you.

Salve for every soreness,
mender of every brokenness,
midwife of a better future:
we praise you.

Ground of all being,
judge of all nations,
conscience of the universe:
we praise you.

Maker, Redeemer,
confessor, companion,
befriender, inspirer,

God beyond all names:

we praise you.

God, we want to say we’re sorry,
for things we’ve done and wished we hadn’t,
and things we did not do,
but wish we had.

We’re sorry we don’t see you
in all the ways that you are here;
we look to images and idols
we can touch and hang on to,
and it’s never quite the same.

Lord, have mercy on us.

We’re sorry we replace you
with powerful rulers or heroes
promising quick rewards
that do not satisfy the way
your holy blessings deeply do.

Christ, have mercy on us.

We’re sorry we don’t listen
to your voice, your prophets,
your promises, and cautions.

Lord, have mercy on us.

We should know better,
but we still think that we know better than you.
Amen.

Hymn 493 * *It’s me, it’s me, O Lord*

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

Friends, God listens and God hears;
God’s blessings are always for you;
you are seen, you are loved, you are held,
and you are forgiven: be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids’ Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

1 Samuel 8:4-20

OT p. 271

St. Mark 3:20-35

NT p. 49

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 694 *Brother, sister, let me serve you*

SERMON Pastorin Birgit Weinbrenner
(Institute for Church and Society)

Hymn 235 *God is working his purpose out*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, June 2018)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Your love is steadfast, you are ever faithful. May these gifts we offer from the gifts we have received shine light in unseen places, bring hope to the rejected, and ease some suffering in our world. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Father, we pray:
let your will be done.

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 443 * *He is Lord, he is Lord*

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:** Birgit Weinbrenner (Institute for Church and Society)
 - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
 - Organist:** Katharina Zentgraf
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Angola** and **Mozambique**. Link to prayers etc. via: www.ecc-bochum.de
 - Angola:** Portuguese colony 1575-1975, independence 1975; Population ca. 25.8 million, mostly Bantu; 50% Roman Catholic, 25% Protestant, 1% Moslem.
 - Mozambique:** Portuguese colony 1498-1975, independence 1975; Population ca. 29 million, mostly Bantu; 30.5% Roman Catholic, 44% Protestants, 19.3% Moslem.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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3rd Sunday after

Pentecost

"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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