

### Watchword for the Week

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 9 – New International Version)

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**Those who know your name will trust you,  
for you, LORD, have never  
forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.  
**He does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.  
Have mercy, O LORD, and lift me up from the  
gates of death that I may declare your praise.**

The LORD is known by his justice;  
the needy will not always be forgotten,  
nor will the hope of the afflicted ever perish.  
**Arise, O LORD, let not man triumph;  
let the nations be judged in your presence.**

**Hymn 189 \*** *Be still, for the presence*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

We need not fear.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

We are surrounded by love.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

We are immersed in peace.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

We rejoice in hope.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

We travel in faith.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

We live in eternity.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

The Lord is in this place.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Into the stormy sea  
you descended and lifted Peter.

Into the storms of sickness  
you descended and lifted Jairus's daughter.

Into the storms of madness  
you descended and lifted Legion.

Into the storms of death  
you descended and lifted Lazarus.

Into the storms of hell  
you descended and lifted us all.

Lift us, Lord,  
**from darkness to light,  
from sickness to health,  
from distress to calm.**

Lift us, Lord,  
**from sadness to joy,  
from fear to faith,  
from loneliness to love.**

Lift us, Lord,  
**in mind and spirit,  
in word and in deed,  
in body and in soul. Amen.**

**Hymn 619 + 620 \*** *Spirit of the living God*

### WORDS of AFFIRMATION

The creator of all that is upholds your life;  
Christ himself walks by your side;  
the Spirit gives you breath  
to speak God's grace and sing God's praise.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-49 OT p. 282 (281)

St. Mark 4:35-41 NT p. 51  
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

**Hymn 737 \***

*Will your anchor hold?*

### SERMON

Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows  
(United Church of Christ, USA)

**Hymn 528 \*** *Make me a channel of your peace*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**We return to you, O God,  
the gifts you have given,  
that this money and our lives  
might bear witness to the  
good news of Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Calm our fears,  
**and teach us your peace.**

### 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 235**

*God is working his purpose out*  
(Hymn of the Month, June 2018)

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:** Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows (United Church of Christ, USA)
  - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
  - Organist:** Sascha Weber
- 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 **Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay**. For a link to prayers etc., go to: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://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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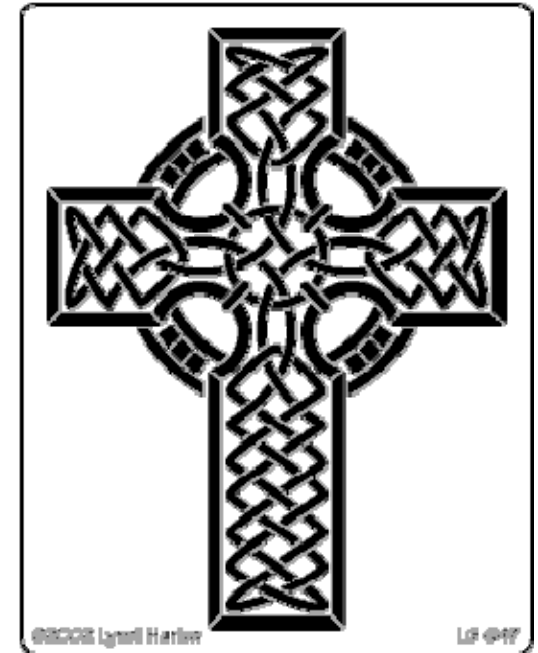
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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

**"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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