

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness."
(2 Corinthians 12:9)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

CHILDREN'S TIME



Hymn 204 *

I am the Church!

Chorus:

*I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together.*

BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

celebrating the lives of Favour and Ruth Okonkwo

MEDLEY of CHORUSES

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 NT p. 231

St. Mark 6:1-13 NT p. 52

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 539

*I want Jesus to walk with me
(Hymn of the Month, July 2018)*

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 516 *

We are marching in the light

INVITATION to the OFFERING

OFFERING *(You are invited to bring offerings to the basket at the front steps and present them there)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Gracious God, Three in One,
we thank you for the suffering and long-suffering love of Jesus Christ,
and for your presence with us
in times of joy and of sorrow,
sickness and health,
faithfulness and brokenness.
We bring these offerings
as signs of our gratitude
and as tools in the ministry of the church.
Use them and us to make known
the good news of your healing love
and renewing power,
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

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 646 *Forth in the peace of Christ we go*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 48 – New International Version)

God is the LORD and most worthy of praise,
in the city of God, his most holy mountain.

***It is beautiful in its loftiness,
the joy of the whole earth.***

Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love.

***Like your name, O God, your praise
reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness.***

Walk around Zion, go round her, count her
towers, consider well her ramparts, that you
may tell of them to the next generation.

***For this God is our God for ever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.***

Hymn 356 *

Meekness and majesty

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

... the narrow road, we have often stumbled.

***By the power of your Spirit, set us on our feet,
take from us the burdens of our wrongs,
and empower us to live as you will for us.
This we ask, trusting in the forgiveness of
Jesus Christ, our certain hope. Amen.***

Hymn 493 *

It's me, it's me, O Lord

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe this good news:

Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary, Son of the Most
High God, was broken and poured out for our
salvation. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Reader:** Debbie Hubweber
 - Organist:** Christof Hilmer
- During today's worship, *Bobby and Abigail Okonkwo* will be **giving thanks** for the gift of their children *Ruth* (born 6 June 2017) and *Favour* (born 8 July 2015).
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €96.25
- After worship, you are invited to the **Upstairs Hall** for continued fellowship and celebrations with the Okonkwo family.
- Members of the **Kids' Church Team** are reminded of the brief **planning meeting** in the youth rooms after today's worship.
- The **ECC Choir** is involved in the final performance of *HAGAR Eine Globe Opera* at the Schauspielhaus Bochum (Kammerspiele) on **Tuesday 10 July** starting 19:30 hrs. Tickets are still available priced €10.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Colombia, Ecuador,** and **Venezuela.** Link from 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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The Apostle Paul from a 9th Century manuscript of the Letters of Paul

7th Sunday after Pentecost

"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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