

Watchword for the Week

If we live by the Spirit,
let us also be guided by the Spirit.
(Galatians 5:25)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Through prophets, rulers, and leaders,
God passes on the story to the world.

Through disciples and apostles and followers,
God passes on the story to the world.

Through saints and reformers and mystics,
God passes on the story to the world.

Through you and me and us,
God passes on the story to the world.

Come, let us worship God, as we seek
to live that ongoing story.

Hymn 510 * *Jesus calls us here to meet him*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

God of wisdom and wonder, we gather
in this place as prophets and disciples,
as people led by your spirit,
and as humble followers seeking to do your will.

Called here by your love,
we come to be renewed in our faith
and go from here ready to serve you again.
Open us to your spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

For freedom, Christ has set us free.
Yet at times we use our freedom
for self-indulgence. **Forgive us, God.**

You have called us to love one another, and yet
sometimes it seems we would rather snap at
one another. **Forgive us, God.**

Often we would rather be guided
by what we want rather than what you want.
Forgive us, God.

Transform us by your Spirit and make us new,
we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

The crucified Christ has set us free
to live in the Spirit of life.
Hear the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 544 * *When I needed a neighbour*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 NT p. 237

St. Luke 9:51-62 NT p. 90

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 352 (2) * *O for a thousand tongues*
(Hymn of the Month, June 2019)

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

Hymn 533 * *Will you come and follow me?*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Source: Iona Abbey Worship Book (2017)

We believe in God
who is older than eternity
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith
yet cannot be contained by religion.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
he came in the body

to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable,
loved the unlovable
and endured slander, persecution and death.

We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth
through Christ's suffering love.
He rose from the grave as living proof
that what is laid down in faith
will be raised in glory.
He ascended to heaven
to be present at all times to all people.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into truth and freedom,
who gives good gifts to all God's children,
who works through prayer and politics,
through justice, care of creation
and the healing of the nations.

We celebrate the potential God has given:
the life in our bodies,
the yearning in our souls,
the promise of good things in store
for those who love and serve their maker.
Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)*
(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

- **“All are welcome in this place.”** *Good you're here!* Please add your name and post or e-mail address to the book at the back of church to receive details of upcoming events.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Sermon:** Mark Burrows
 - Liturgy:** Jade Ableitner
 - Duty elder:** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
 - Organ:** Thomas Schwarz
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda**. Link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



*Forgive us, Lord, we are at it again:
confining your Spirit
to those lovely lists Paul fired off to his friends
in the heat of a polemical moment;
while the Spirit listeth where it will,
disturbingly far from our all-night prayer
meetings and ingenious organisations,
storming our protectively closed minds,
lighting tongues of fire
to dance over heads we are reluctant to anoint.*
(Prayer from India)



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Third 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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