

Watchword for the Week

Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?
(Genesis 18:14)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

***In all that we do, may we welcome you
and serve you as disciples.***

Lord Christ,
when we are driven and relentless
with ourselves and with others,
tied up with pressures of time,
and the demand to do what is urgent
rather than what is important,

***Speak to us with kindness,
as you did to Martha,
putting all things in proportion,
and releasing us into finding
our worth in your love,
not in our busyness,
or our desire to fix things.***

So may your living Word at the centre of our
being claim and command all that we do
and all that we are. **Amen.**

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to
dwell, making peace with all things, on earth,
and in heaven. This same God offers us
forgiveness for all our sin. We are invited to
dwell in God's house, to grow in God's garden,
to sit at Jesus' feet. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 359 * *He came down that we may have...*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Amos 8:1-12 OT p. 892 (891)

St. Luke 10:38-42 NT p. 92

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 231 *For the fruits of all creation*
(Tune: **Ar Hyd Y Nos**, Hymn 562)

SERMON Inconvenient Love
2/3 "You can't mean now!"

Hymn 154 * *How great thou art*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***O God, receive these gifts, which are the
products of our labours, and let us not forget
the better part of our offering, which is our
devotion to the words of life we have
received from Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See also Notices overleaf*

Choir Medley

TRAVEL BLESSING (Gady Kubwayesu)

***Wherever you go, may the joy
of our gracious God be with you.
Wherever you go, may the kindly
face of Christ be with you.
Wherever you go, may the Holy Spirit
encompass you with grace.
Wherever you go, may the presence
of the Trinity be around you
to bless you and keep you always. Amen.***

Hymn 532 * *Lord, you have come to the seashore*
(Hymn of the Month, July 2019)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

God of Love, **we put our trust in you.**

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 465 * *Be thou my Vision*

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(from the Iona Abbey Service of Welcome, adapted)

Gathered together –
the familiar and the unknown,
regulars and visitors,
for the first time or the umpteenth time,
come, Holy Spirit.

Gathered together –
where the faithful of old built a place of prayer,
broken down by bombs, rebuilt by hope,
where God's presence was felt and is felt,
come, Holy Spirit.

Gathered together –
where those who enter are blessed with peace,
and those who depart this place
are sent on their way with hopes of wholeness,
come, Holy Spirit.

Gathered together –
not knowing what we have in common,
not sure, perhaps, why we are here,
unable to read God's mind,
come, Holy Spirit.

To open doors, dispel fears,
establish friendships,
reveal what is in us,
and bring us closer to Christ
come, Holy Spirit.
Meet us here.

Hymn 212 * *Morning has broken*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Come into our lives, Jesus.
Help us to be faithful listeners.
Help us to be faithful servants.

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
 - Readers:** Amir José Daou Pulido
Henrike Macheit
 - Liturgy:** James Brown
 - Sermon:** Jade Ableitner
 - Music:** Nicole Hartmann (Organ)
Sounds of Harmony Choir
- 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 **Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo** and **Rwanda**. Link to prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- The **Sensible Shoes Book Club** for women of the ECC begins on 1 August! For more information, contact Jade Ableitner.
- **'No more war in Cameroon?'** a recent church information event held in Bern, Switzerland featuring Cameroon human rights lawyer Agbor Nkongho can be viewed on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/OU227S0C1OK>
- The **ECC Choir** will resume regular weekly practices under its new director Hendrik Ziser on Wednesday, 4 September at 6 p.m. – *New singers are always welcome!*
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Sixth 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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