#### Watchword for the Week

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. (Psalm 37:5)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

As is the tradition in many churches, please stand if you are able while the Bible is carried into church.

## WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Words from the 'Peace Prayer')

Lord, make us instruments of your peace, where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Where there is injury, let us give pardon, where there is discord, let us keep union.

Where there is doubt, let us hold onto faith, where there is despair, let us plant hope.

Where there is darkness, let us show light, where there is sadness, let us spread joy.

Grant that we may not seek so much to be comforted as to comfort, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that we receive, it is in forgiving that we are forgiven, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is honoured and praised together with you, forever, Amen.

Hymn 233 \* Come, you thankful people People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

#### PRAYER of APPROACH

To a world that is hungry, you are food that sustains.
To a world that suffers, you are hope of release.

To a world that is broken,

you are the one who restores.

To a world full of hate,

you are love that forgives.

To a world that denies,

you are truth that endures.

To you we bring our thanks and praise, God of wholeness, God of grace.

Forgive us Lord when we turn the other cheek to ignore the suffering of our neighbour near or afar. Help us to feel your pain when a child made in your precious image lives in fear of the unknown Father. Fill us, we pray, with the Spirit of true service, that we may do justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly with you, our God, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is worshipped and glorified forever and ever, Amen.

Hvmn 493 \*

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

#### **DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS**

... It is you Lord who can enable us to be so obedient to your Spirit that our lives become living prayers, and witness to your unfailing presence. *Thanks be to God. Amen.* 

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

Thank God for ...

Pears and apples, wheat and grapes, many textures, many shapes; falling leaves in golden drifts, thank you, God, for all your gifts.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS 🕮

Philippians 4:4-9

NT p. 250 (249)

St. John 6:25-35

NT p. 124

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

**Hymn 64** Sing all creation, sing to God (Hymn of the Month, October 2019)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

## OFFERING PROCESSION

Please come forward during the singing – place
your offerings of money in the basket at the
steps and lay your harvest gifts on or beside
the tables on either side of the altar.

## PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Lord of the journey be with you, and also with you.

Pilgrims of God, lift up your hearts.

We offer them to the One who denied himself to carry us into life forever.

Sing songs of thanksgiving to the God who is faithful in keeping promises.

We offer glad anthems of joy to the One who calls us by name.

We do indeed offer ... and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

#### Hymn 769 \*

Holy, holy, holy

Here, at this table, where the gifts of the bread and the cup are offered to your children gathered around, pour out your Spirit of healing and hope. Feed us with the food of heaven which can make us whole once more, so we can go to serve all whom we have treated with contempt.

Nourish us with the cup of life which can change us into your faithful people, so we can go to bring healing to those disabled by our prejudices.

And when we are brought home to you, when we are gathered with our sisters and brothers from all the ends of the earth, we will sing your glory and grace forever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

TAKING, BREAKING and INVITATION

COMMUNION and GOD'S PEACE

## PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.) English words: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

## Hymn 229 \*

We plough the fields

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

#### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Please stand if able while the Bible is carried out.

## 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 we celebrate Holy Communion you are invited to share in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- > Today's worship team:

Duty elder: Eric Obimdi Reader: Herold Dehling

Hendrik Ziser (Organ) Music:

Sounds of Harmony Choir

- > Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously.
- > As is our custom, the auction of harvest gifts will begin after the organ postlude. You are invited to remain seated and to take part in this fun(d)-raising continuation of our harvest thanksgiving celebrations.
- > After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- > The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama. Link to prayers and information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- > Next **ECC Choir** practice is on Wednesday, 9 October at 6 p.m. in the upstairs hall. New singers are always especially welcome!
- > The next Sensible Shoes Book Club for women session is Thursday 17 October from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Kirchencafé.
- > Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.





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"On entering, peace - on departure, blessing" (Pauluskirche Bochum - Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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