



English-speaking Christian Congregation, Bochum

ORGAN PRELUDE

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)
Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. (Psalm 85:9)

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES (responses in bold-face italics)

From the dawn of creation, ***God has called us by name.***
From before we are born, ***we are loved as God's own.***
In the moments of joy, ***we are given God's presence.***
In the seasons of struggle, ***God lavishes us with grace.***
Now, in this moment of worship,
we are brought together as God's people.
Here in this sacred space, ***we are marked with God's Spirit.***
Let us lift our heads and open our hearts. ***God is the ruler of glory.***
Come, let us worship.

HYMN *Sing of the Lord's goodness* (Church Hymnary 157)

- 1 Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.
*Come then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

- 2 Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.
- 3 Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.
- 4 Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (GNB Old Testament, page 303)

Once more David called together the best soldiers in Israel, a total of thirty thousand men, ² and led them to Baalah in Judah, in order to bring from there God's Covenant Box, bearing the name of the Lord Almighty, whose throne is above the winged creatures. ³ They took it from Abinadab's home on the hill and placed it on a new cart. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the cart, ⁴ with Ahio walking in front. ⁵ David and all the Israelites were dancing and singing with all their might to honour the Lord. They were playing harps, lyres, drums, rattles, and cymbals.

¹² So King David got the Covenant Box from Obed's house to take it to Jerusalem with a great celebration. ¹³ After the men carrying the Covenant Box had gone six steps, David had them stop while he offered the Lord a sacrifice of a bull and a fattened calf. ¹⁴ David, wearing only a linen cloth around his waist, danced with all his might to honour the Lord. ¹⁵ And so he and all the Israelites took the Covenant Box up to Jerusalem with shouts of joy and the sound of trumpets.

¹⁶ As the Box was being brought into the city, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked out of the window and saw King David dancing and jumping around in the sacred dance, and she was disgusted with him. ¹⁷ They brought the Box and put it in its place in the Tent that David had set up for it. Then he offered sacrifices and fellowship offerings to the Lord. ¹⁸ When he had finished offering the sacrifices, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty ¹⁹ and distributed food to them all. He gave each man and woman in Israel a loaf of bread, a piece of roasted meat, and some raisins. Then everyone went home.

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

HYMN *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet* (Church Hymnary 169)

- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow
or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment;
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

REFLECTION “Dancing with David” Revd James Brown (Church of Scotland)

HYMN *Lord of the Dance* (Church Hymnary 404) 1, 3-5

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth –
at Bethlehem I had my birth.
*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*
- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a Cross to die.

- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black –
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and the thought I'd gone –
but I am the Dance and I still go on.
- 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high –
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

NOTICES, PRAYERS FOR OTHERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray the Lord's Prayer in your 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 *Christ, be our light!* (Church Hymnary 543) 1-2, 4-5

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.
- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

BLESSING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

NOTICES

- Welcome to this, our first **in-person / gathered worship** since March of last year. Covid infection rates are fortunately so low in Bochum that this is now possible, but hygiene measures still apply. Please sit only at the marked places where you see a so-called “Green Card”. Make sure to fill it out and give it to one of the stewards as you leave the church. This information will be treated confidentially and destroyed after a period of 4 weeks. Medical or FFP2 masks must be worn at all times while in church (including during congregational singing of hymns).
- Our team of IT specialists hope to **stream our worship live** on our website. If you prefer not to attend worship in church in person or are unable to do so, simply open our website (www.ecc-bochum.de) on your device and follow the instructions there. Please be patient with us, though – this is a first attempt, and we hope to improve streaming offers as time goes on. A warm welcome too to all virtual worshippers!



Our **six-week vacation Bible study** starts **Tuesday, 13 July** at 7.30 p.m. (19.30 hrs): Gardening, Sabbath, Jubilee, Picnics & BBQs, Family Feasts, Survival Tours ... What constitutes recreation for you? For me? What do the cultures reflected in the Bible have to tell us about rest and recreation? **Venue:** Dirk & Sylke's Nature Garden, Umlandstraße 15a (enter along the path to the left just beyond the bridge).

- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021 continues, supported in a Zoom group. Contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or [sebastian.stuewe\(at\)mailbox.org](mailto:sebastian.stuewe(at)mailbox.org)
- This week's **WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on Eritrea and Ethiopia: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/eritrea-ethiopia>
- **Online worship resources** by various churches, including the UCC, the Church of Scotland and others, are on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>

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David dances for joy

