

Watchword for the Week

Let us hold fast to the confession
of our hope without wavering,
for God who has promised is faithful.
(Hebrews 10:23)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

Forgive us for the times we neglect you.
Forgive us for the times we put ourselves before
you and before the good of others.
Forgive us for the times we damage ourselves
through our thoughts and actions.

God of deep forgiveness, hear our prayers.

Your call to us is this: **Love the Lord your God,
love your neighbour and love yourselves.**

Forgive us for the times when we fall short of
your good desires. We approach you knowing
that you are a God who forgives. We are
grateful that in and through the sacrifice of
Jesus we can be forgiven and reconciled with
you and with one another. Thank you for the
peace that comes with that promise.

**The God of deep forgiveness
hears our prayers. Amen.**

READMISSION to MEMBERSHIP

INVITATION

QUESTIONS

AFFIRMATION of FAITH (all stand)

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

All: **I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

WELCOME and RECEPTION

Let us, the members of the ECC Bochum,
express our welcome to Eleanor and affirm
our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We welcome you with joy
into the common life of this church.
We promise you our friendship and prayers
as we share the hopes and labours of the
church of Jesus Christ.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit
may we continue to grow together
in God's knowledge and love
and be witnesses to our risen Saviour.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 NT p. 281

Mark 13:1-8 NT p. 65

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

Hymn 477 *Lo, he comes with clouds*

SERMON "Promise and Perplexity"
Rev. James Brown

Hymn 608 *Spirit of truth and grace*

NOTICES

PRAYERS for OTHERS

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 241 *Isaiah the prophet has written*

BLESSING / CLOSING PRAYER

And now as we leave this place
may the Spirit of the living God be with us
in all that we think, all that we say
and all that we do.

**We ask this in the precious name of Jesus
Christ our Lord and our Saviour. Amen.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Great and merciful God,
we come before you in love and with humility.
We live to worship you.

You are a God who is Creator.
You brought everything that we know,
everything that we see,
everything that we are
into being through your word.
We live to worship you.

You are a God who is love.
You are a God who gives love.
You are a God who loves us so much
that you sent Jesus to release us from
our bondage: to save us.
We live to worship you.

You are a God who brings peace to the world.
In you all things are reconciled.
In you we become the Body of Jesus.
You are a God who is worthy of our worship.
We long to worship you.

Hymn 175 *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

We come before you, O God,
aware that all of us fall short of your glory.
We all make mistakes.
We all struggle to love like Jesus.
We often hurt one another –
sometimes deliberately,
sometimes by accident.

God of deep forgiveness, hear our prayers.

Forgive us, Lord.

Notices

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's 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:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Debbie Hubweber
 - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
- The **offering basket** as you leave church is our congregation's main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and fellowship. Please help by clearing away cups and plates, washing dishes and tidying up afterwards. Thank-you!
- The **Christian discipline** Bible study series continues tomorrow at 7 p.m. with a session on **Study** (Rom. 12:1-21) in the Kirchencafé; There is a Zoom option for anyone unable to attend: (ID: 882 1296 9022; Code: 051157)
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Aotearoa New Zealand** and **Australia**. Link to prayers and further information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- Council members are reminded of the **Church Council** meeting at 19.00 hrs this coming **Thursday, 18 November** in the Parish Halls, Pariser Str. 4-6.
- Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held after worship on **Sunday, 28 November**, including Council elections held over from 2020. This will also be our **Back to Church Sunday**. Bring your friends to celebrate a new beginning on the First of Advent for our worship life and our congregational life!
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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"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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