

### Watchword for the Week

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
my rock and my redeemer.

(Moravian Daily Texts 2022)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: In mystery and grandeur,

**All: *we encounter the God of all creation.***

Leader: In renewed justice and the promise  
of new life,

**All: *we know the deep love of Christ.***

Leader: In the wonderful diversity in every  
community,

**All: *the Spirit of God moves among us.***

Leader: Let us worship the God of beauty,  
love, and wisdom.

**All: *We will praise God, ever Three and  
ever One, now and always.***

**Hymn 111** *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!*  
(1, 2 & 4)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and unity,  
we confess we can be divisive  
when you have called us to unity,  
quarrelsome when you call us to seek peace,  
and critical rather than caring.  
We have grown used to our own ways  
and cannot imagine you would ask us to change  
even for the sake of the Gospel.  
Forgive us when we mistake  
our familiar traditions for your truth.  
Show us how we can witness to your love  
through working and worshipping together.  
Therefore we plead with you:

**All: Take away from us, O Lord,  
every sin which separates us  
from your Holy presence,  
that we my approach you  
with pure hearts and cleansed lips,  
as we celebrate this service joyfully  
and praise your Holy name,  
through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.  
It shines into the world  
and scatters the darkness.  
Know that you are forgiven  
and forgive one another.  
Be at peace and walk in the newness of life,  
led by God's light.

**Hymn 197** *As we are gathered, Jesus is here*

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 OT p. 533

John 4:14-21 NT p. 128

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



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**Hymn 641** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

SERMON "Let it be Jesus"  
Rev. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah

**Hymn 160** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*  
(1, 2 & 5) (Offerings are brought forward)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see Notices overleaf)

## PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, hear us.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

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 185** *Come, children, join and sing*

BLESSING and ***Threefold Amen*** (No. 819)

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

# Notices

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's good you're here!* Please add your name and e-mail or postal address to the book at the back of church to receive news of upcoming events.
- **Today's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Sebastian Stüwe
  - Reader:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
  - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
- The **offering** during the worship service is our congregation's main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee, and fellowship (under 2G rules). And please help afterwards by clearing away cups and plates, washing dishes and tidying up. Thank you!
- The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on **Cyprus, Greece, Turkey**. Link to info: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Worship is streamed live every week on [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- The **Weltladen Pauluskirche** is looking for volunteers. Interested? Please contact Rev. James Brown at [j.brown56\(at\)gmx.de](mailto:j.brown56(at)gmx.de)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Third Sunday after  
Epiphany

**"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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