#### Watchword for the Week

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name! (Psalm 97:12)

#### **ORGAN PRELUDE**

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP Verses from Psalm 97 (NRSV Bible)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the islands of the seas be glad!

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples behold his glory.

O Lord, you are most high over all the earth; you are much greater than all gods.

Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

**Hymn 160** Praise my soul, the King of Heaven

#### PRAYER of APPROACH and CONFESSION

Holy God, your Spirit continues to break forth in new and unexpected ways, reminding us that you are the One in whom the whole earth rejoices. In this time of worship and prayer, open our hearts that we may hear and respond to your Spirit's call.

#### Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God, you have promised to hear the silent thoughts of our hearts. We bring them now as we think of what has been in our lives this week. Where there has been joy, we know you will rejoice with us.

#### Christ, have mercy upon us.

Where there has been sorrow, we know you will tenderly share our sadness. Where there is regret for what we have done, or failed to do, we lay this before you in a moment of silence.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Our God is a God of forgiveness, and so we trust that we have been heard. Where we have asked to begin again, God will forgive us, and take us by the hand to walk together on a new path of wholeness.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MUSICAL SOLO

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS 🛄

Acts 16:16-22

NT p. 170

John 13:31-35

NT p. 137

The word of God: Thanks be to God!

**Hymn 153** 

Great is thy faithfulness

SERMON

Pastor Bob Haworth

**Hymn 622** 

We sing a love

AFFIRMATION (United Church of Canada)

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil.

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(see Notices overleaf)

(Offerings are brought forward)

MUSICAL SOLO

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: We are your people:.

and you are our God.

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 251** 

Here I am. Lord

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 email or postal address to the book at the back of church to receive news of upcoming events.

> Today's worship team:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth

Duty elder: Henrike Macheit
Soloist: Charlotte Kreimer
Reader: Dirk Erlenkämper
Organ: Hendrik Ziser

➤ The **offering** during the worship service is our congregation's main source of income. Last week's offering totalled €137,20.

Please give generously.

The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle focuses this week on *France, Germany, Monaco*. Link to info: www.ecc-bochum.de

- Worship is streamed live every week on www.ecc-bochum.de
- Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the **Kirchencafé** remains closed for now.
- The river, bodies in motion, the wind, conversations.... Come along on a congregational walk along the river Ruhr. Bring a thermos with a hot drink and, if you like, a snack. Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the "Pfingstblume" (old building), Brockhauser Str. 126, 44797 Bochum. If it is drizzling or raining, the walk will be moved to another date.
- How about volunteering at the Weltladen Pauluskirche in the Kirchencafé? Contact Rev. James Brown at 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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# seventh 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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