

NOTICES

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's good you are here!* As a sign for our Christian care and concern for each other, we ask everyone present to follow the 3G rules and to keep mouth and nose covered with a mask, including during hymns.
- Today's guest preacher is Rev. Ernest Bayisabe (Anglican Church of Rwanda, Kigeme Diocese).
- Today's worship team:

Minister: Rev. Ernest Bayisabe
Duty Elder: Justus Masa
Reader: Wolfgang Rochowiak
Organist: Sebastian Stüwe

- The offering basket is the congregation's main source of income. Last Sunday's offering totalled 149,78 EUR. **Please give generously.**
- The **Kirchencafé** will be open until 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and continued fellowship. Please follow 2G rules, and help tidy up afterwards. Thank you!
- **Ecumenical Prayers for Peace** are still being held every Friday at 12:00 p.m. in the Pauluskirche. Learn more at <https://kg-bochum.ekvw.de/>
- The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on **Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles**

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English-Speaking Christian Congregation
Bochum, Germany

22 May 2022

6th Sunday of Easter 2022

"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"
"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12:30
Ecumenical – International – English-Language

Watchword for the Week

I will bring them through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. *Zechariah 13:9*

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 86:1–10

Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.

You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.

Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.

In the day of my trouble I will call to you,

For you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you,

O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord;
They will bring glory to your name.

For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Amen

Hymn 556

I need thee

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,
but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are spiritually poor, but you are rich,

and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor.

Strengthen our faith and trust in you.

We are empty vessels that need to be filled.

Lord, fill us

We are weak in faith.

Lord, strengthen us

We are cold in love.

Lord, warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you

that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ASSURANCE of PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger for ever;

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Amen

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Hymn 528

Make me a channel of your peace

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 21:10, 21:22 – 22:5

NT, p. 327

John 5:1–9

NT, p. 122

The Word of God: *Thanks be to God*

Hymn 561

Blessed assurance

SERMON

Rev. Ernest Bayisabe

Let us turn our face to Jesus

Hymn 154

How great thou art

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organ Recital

(Please bring your offering forward to the basket)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

The LORD'S PRAYER

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 167

Guide me, Oh thou great Jehova

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen*

ORGAN POSTLUDE