

Watchword for the Week

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.
(1 Corinthians 12:4-5)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the name of the Lord. Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Hallelujah!

Come sing a new song of worship.

Come sing a new song of praise.

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost!

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration!

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

Sing praises! We sing praises indeed.

Hymn 582 *O day of joy and wonder*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you brought forth the earth and its creatures. Yet we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We often dishonour your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. Forgive us, Lord!
God of new beginnings, grant us your grace.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your shortcomings and be restored to abundant life.

***In God we live and move and have our being.
Praise God, we are forgiven! Amen.***

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Hymn 251 *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

CHILDREN'S TIME
(after which children may join the Kids' Church program)

Hymn 608 *Spirit of truth and grace*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 7:37-39 *NT p. 127*

Acts 2:1-21 *NT p. 148*

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

Hymn 615 *Holy Spirit, ever living*

SERMON "Holy Misunderstanding"

Hymn 722 *Spirit of God, come dwell*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(see Notices overleaf)*

Hymn 613 *Gracious Spirit, hear our pleading*
(Please come forward with your gifts during the singing)

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Response *Hymn 599, v.2*

*Holy Spirit, prompt us
when we try to pray;
nearer come, and teach us
what we ought to say.*

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)*
(Please pray in your preferred language / version.)

Hymn 622 *We sing a love*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Notices

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's good you're here!* To receive news of upcoming events, please share your name and email or address with today's minister or duty elder.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Minister:** Rev. Emmanuel Mote
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Marcus Kingsley Sarpong
 - Organist:** Sebastian Stüwe
- After several years' break due to COVID, the ECC is once again hosting the traditional gathering of international congregations in Bochum **tomorrow, Pentecost Monday**, at 11:00 a.m. We request your joyful presence here in church and at the potluck afterwards!
- The **Second Intercultural Bible Study** at the ESG, Querenburger Höhe 287 will have its final session on 14 June, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Come to read with us from the Book of Ruth, and enjoy open conversation and a potluck
- Plans for a new **Women's Prayer Group** are underway. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in August. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Emmanuel.
- The **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Angola and Mozambique** (<https://tinyurl.com/prayer-cycle>).
- The **offering basket** is our congregation's main source of income. Last week's offering totalled €167,40. *Please give generously.*
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for us till 3 o'clock. Tea and coffee will be waiting, but it helps if we all do our part to clean up.
- Please switch **mobile phones** off, or to mute/vibration signal, during worship. Thank you.



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Pentecost Sunday

"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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