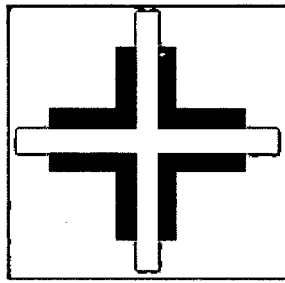


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First Sunday of every month (except July and August) at 2:00 PM at
CENTRAL ST. MATTHEW UCC 1333 S. CARROLLTON AVENUE NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118

Liebe Freunde des Deutschen Gottesdienstes!

I take this opportunity to write you one last time as your pastor. Since September of 2015, it has been my distinct privilege to serve this congregation and I am deeply thankful for the kindness and love you have shown me since my arrival.

However, after much prayer and consideration, and through no small number of tearful moments, I am persuaded that the time has come for me to make a change. Thus, I have resigned my position as Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in order to redeploy in a slightly different milieu as the Priest in Charge of St. James Episcopal Church of Florence, Italy. Obviously, this new assignment necessitates my resignation as Pastor to the German Church Service as well. My last liturgy with you all will be our next one, 1 November at 2 pm, which we will observe as Reformationsfest.

The Vorstand are working to fill my vacancy as swiftly as possible. Our goal is that there would be no alteration or abbreviation to the schedule of services already published for autumn and winter. I believe with a high degree of confidence that we will accomplish this, though right now is not an appropriate time to disclose the name of any possible successor.

As I take my leave, I do so with a heavy heart but also great optimism. My time with you has made me into a better minister and preacher. For that, I am truly thankful. I hope that you would keep me in your prayers while I make this remarkable transition and relocation. Rest assured, you will always figure in mine. Should you ever find yourself in Florence, I hope you will look me up!

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