

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Praise God!

We will sing praises to God.

Praise God!

We will seek God's strength and presence continually.

Praise God!

We will remember God's wonderful works throughout the ages.

Praise God!

For it is right to give God thanks and praise.

Hymn 106 *Bring to the Lord a glad new song*
(Hymn of the Month, August 2014)

OPENING PRAYER

God, you meet us where we are,
and gently guide us to where we will be.
When we miss one sign, you send us another
until we are compelled to respond
in wonder and awe.

In our time together we know that you will
continually guide and lead us in surprising and
unexpected ways, for we know that you are with
us always, as we dream dreams of a new
heaven and earth.

For all the ways we hold fast to what is
convenient, easy, or agreeable
instead of what is good, forgive us.

Hymn 776 * *Kyrie eleison*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

For all the ways we love for personal gain and
satisfaction instead of mutuality, forgive us.

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When we lag in zeal, are poor in spirit and
undisciplined in our prayer instead of being
persistent in prayer and hope, forgive us.

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When we judge those who rejoice
and chastise those who weep
instead of showing compassion, forgive us.

Hymn 776 * *Kyrie eleison*

When we seek vengeance and strife instead of
understanding and love, forgive us.

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ASSURANCE of PARDON

In all we do, let our love be genuine;
for if we love, as God has taught us,
we will not be overcome by evil, but we will,
by the grace of God, overcome evil with good.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn 65 * *Jubilate, everybody*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 3:1-15 *OT p. 58*

Hymn 779 * *Listen now for the Gospel!*

St. Matthew 16:21-28 *NT p. 25*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 198 * *Let us build a house*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 528 * *Make me a channel of your peace*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

We love because you first loved us.
We share because you first blessed us.
We pray because you first believed.
May what we love, what we share,
and what we pray for all help to build
your great commonwealth of love. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 167 * *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE



Notices

➤ We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book *including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter*.

➤ **Today's worship team:**

Duty elder: Heike Hundeiker
Reader: Renate Schwarz
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald

➤ Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 115.07.

➤ After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.

Diary for the week ahead:

- **Wed. 3 Sept.:** *ECC Choir* 6 p.m. (Church)
- **Fri. 5 Sept.:** *Joyful Singers* 7 p.m. (Halls)
- **Sun. 7 Sept.:** *Musiksommer Worship 12 noon* (Kuhhirten Stage, Bongard Boulevard)

Forthcoming events:

- **14 September** Child blessing in worship for twin sisters Cyniora and Cyniory Ekokobe
- **21 September** Annual General Meeting (with Council Election and Pot-luck Buffet)
- **28 September** Introduction of Council members during worship
- **5 October** Harvest Thanksgiving Worship: Rev. Dr. Julius Ngwa, Bamenda, Cameroon
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: the **Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia**. Prayer link from www.ecc-bochum.de

➤ Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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I am who I am

"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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