

Watchword for the Week

For me, living is Christ and dying is gain.
(Philippians 1:21)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 105)

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
**make known among the nations
what he has done.**

Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who
seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his
strength; seek his face always. **Remember the
wonders he has done, his miracles, and the
judgements he pronounced.**

On this day, we remember with gratitude and joy
God's faithfulness: in the life of Abraham and Sarah,
Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph,
in the lives of Moses, Miriam, and Aaron,
in the lives of Ruth and David, Isaiah and Jeremiah,
in the lives of Mary and Martha, Peter and John,
in the lives of Paul, Barnabas, and Lydia,
in the lives of an Ethiopian eunuch
and a Roman centurion,
in our own congregational life.
Truly, God is faithful.

For God remembered his holy promise.
**God brought out his people with rejoicing,
his chosen ones with shouts of joy; that they
might keep his precepts and observe his
laws. Praise the LORD!**

Hymn 500 *Lord of creation*
(Hymn of the Month, September 2014)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Our insensitivity to the needs of others,
O Lord, forgive.

Our prejudice and fear that prevent us from
loving, **O Lord, forgive.**

The narrowness of our vision and our shrinking
from your demands, **O Lord, forgive.**

Our resentment against those who have hurt us,
O Lord, forgive.

Our desire to do your work in our way,
O Lord, forgive.

Our impatience with those who are different
from us, **O Lord, forgive.**

Our failure to listen properly to other points of
view, **O Lord, forgive.**

Our fear of coming out of the fortress of our own
souls into fuller life and deeper loving,
O Lord, forgive.

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

Hymn 776 * *Kyrie eleison* [repeated ad lib.]
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Hear the Word of Grace. Christ says: I am the
door for the sheep. Whoever comes in by me
will be saved; he will come in and go out and
find pasture. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn 516 * *We are marching in the light*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16:2-15 OT p. 72

St. Matthew 20:1-16 NT p. 29
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 225 * *Summer suns are glowing*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 502 * *Take my life, Lord, let it be
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

[based on words by John Wesley]

**Lord, we dedicate our lives to you.
Help us, trusting in you alone,
to do your will, to fulfil our calling,
and to serve the present age;
through our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.
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 543 * *Christ, be our light!*

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: Sone Nkumbe
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 216.64.
- After worship you are invited to the **Upstairs Hall** for our ***Annual General Meeting*** (with Council Elections, Celebration of our Church Life and Pot-luck Buffet).

Diary for the week ahead:

Wed. 24 Sept.: ECC Choir 6 p.m. (Church)

Fri. 26 Sept.: Joyful Singers 7 p.m. (Halls)

Forthcoming events:

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 ***Belarus, Moldova, Russia*** and ***Ukraine***. 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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"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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