

Watchword for the Week

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious
in all his deeds. (Psalm 145:13)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Blessed are you, Lord God,
for the gift of creation,
and for those who tend and cherish it.

Blessed are you for the Word of life,
and for those who hear it and do it.

Blessed are you for Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
and for those who respond to his call.

They are like trees planted by living water:
May we be counted among them.

Hymn 110 * *Glory be to God the Father*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

God of life and love,
beyond the few decades of our short time on
earth, you are the eternal God before whom a
thousand years are as a passing day.

Beyond the wayward tendencies
of our distracted lives, you are the holy God
whose deeds are deeds of justice
and paths are paths of peace.

Beyond the narrow scope
of our private concerns, you are the God
of all the people of this wide earth who
holds the whole world in your hands.

But you are no distant, remote 'unmoved
creator'. You are the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, always reaching out to us, never
giving up on us, seeking only our good, and
yearning for us to know and do the things that
make for our peace.

Because you are this and no other God, we
worship you and commit ourselves again to

serve the cause of your kingdom and bring glory
to your name.

Do not allow us to dishonour it
by any failures in love – **hardness of heart,
coldness of feeling, meanness of spirit.**

Do not leave us to discredit it
by any inwardness and prejudice –
of race, class, wealth, sex or religion.

Rather, by the power of your Spirit in us and
among us, shape us to become the open,
gracious, imaginative people you mean us to be,
for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Hymn 575 *Over my head, I hear music*
(Hymn of the Month, July 2015)

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Ephesians 3:14-21 *NT p. 243 (242)*
...for ever and ever! **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church summer programme)

GOSPEL READING

St. John 6:1-21 *NT p. 124 (123)*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Word of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 641 * *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn * *We are one in the Spirit (SGP 111)*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord, [repeat]
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:

*And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know
we are Christians by our love*

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand, [repeat]
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side, [repeat]
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride:

All praise to the Father
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one:

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Father in heaven, with these our gifts we
also offer ourselves in the service of your
kingdom. Strengthen us with power through
your Spirit and grant that as Christ dwells in
our hearts by faith, we may be rooted and
grounded in love and, knowing his love
which surpasses knowledge, may be filled
with all your fullness; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: May your Kingdom come:
Give us today our daily bread.

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 484 * *Great God, your love has called*

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: Derick Fonjong
Reader: Heinrich Ohlendorf
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled €235.87.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week is for ***the Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.*** For more information and prayer topics, please visit: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **ADVANCE NOTICE: Gemeindefest** will be celebrated at the Pauluskirche on Saturday 22 August and with shared bilingual worship (including baptisms) on **Sunday 23 August** at the earlier time of **11 o'clock**.
- **ADVANCE NOTICE:** The **Musiksommer** festival in Bochum includes shared open-air ecumenical worship at the Kuhhirten statue on **Sunday, 6 September at 12 noon**.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30