

Watchword for the Week

Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak,
slow to anger. (James 1:19)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(based on Psalm 150)

Praise God! Praise God in this house of prayer.

Praise Him in his mighty heavens.

Praise God for His acts of power.

Praise Him for his magnificent greatness.

Praise God with the blast of trumpets.

Praise Him with keyboard and guitar.

Praise God with tambourines and dancing.

Praise Him with flute, violin and saxophone.

Praise God with African drums.

Praise Him with the thundering organ.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise Him, yes, praise our wonderful God!

Hymn 169

Praise the Lord...
(Hymn of the Month, May 2015)

PRAYER of APPROACH

(based on 1st Corinthians 13:1-13)

Lord, because love is patient... **help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen, hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage, remembering your endless patience with me.**

Because love is kind... **help my words to be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful. Remind me to smile and to say "Please" and "Thank You" because those little things still mean so much.**

Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud... **help me have a heart that is humble and sees the good in others. May I celebrate and appreciate all that I have and all that I am, as well as doing the same for those around me.**

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs... **help me to forgive**

others as you have forgiven me. When I want to hold onto a grudge, gently help me release it so I can reach out with a hand of love instead.

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth... **help me stand up for what is right and good. May I defend the defenceless, and help the helpless. Show me how I can make a difference.**

Because love always protects and always trusts... **help me to be a refuge for those around me. When the world outside is harsh and cold, may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.**

Because love always perseveres... **help my heart to continually beat with love for You and others. Thank you for showing us what the word love really means. Amen.**

Hymn 527

Lord, make us servants...
(Hymn of the Month, June 2015)

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Come away from all that leaves you wallowing in hopelessness. Come, walk the pathway of love and nestle into the embrace of God, for nothing will ever separate you from God's love and care.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 193 *

God is love: his the care
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may go to the halls next door for Kids' Church)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 1:17-27

NT p. 290 (288)

St. Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

NT p. 55

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 672

Father, we thank you...
(Hymn of the Month, August 2015)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

OFFERING

Joyful Singers Medley

Come forward with your offerings to place them in the basket at the sanctuary steps.

DEDICATION PRAYER

O God, the source of all good things, we bring our gifts to you. Enable us, with our earthly things, to give you the love of our hearts and the service of our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response: (Hymn 805 *)

Your Kingdom come:

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

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 544 *

When I needed a neighbour...

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:**
 - Door duty:** Faith Gilbert
 - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
 - Organ:** Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 495.14.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is for ***the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia.*** Info and prayers at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
 - Wed. 2 Sept.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
 - Fri. 4 Sept.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
 - Sun. 6 Sept.: Ecumenical Worship** 12 noon
Bochumer Musiksommer: open-air worship at the Kuhhirten stage, Bongard-Boulevard
- **More dates** – note these in your diaries!
 - Friday, 4 September** at 18:00 hrs
Installation of Bochum's Superintendent Dr. Gerald Hagmann at the Christuskirche
 - Sunday, 4 October** at 12:30 hrs
Harvest Thanksgiving with Gift Auction.
Rev. Dr. Julius Ngwa has been invited
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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"Mirrored reflections"
www.alex bakerphotography.com

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30