

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be first
must be last of all and servant of all"
(Mark 9:35)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on verses from Psalm 1)

Happy are those who reject the advice of evil
people, who do not follow the example of
sinners or join those who have no use for God.

***They are like trees that grow beside a
stream; they succeed in everything they do.***

Happy are those who find joy in obeying the
Law of the Lord, who study it day and night.

***They bear fruit at the right time, like well-
watered trees whose leaves do not dry up.***

Hymn (Tune: DIX, Hymn 326)

("Trees", based on Psalms 1, 26, 52, 92)

Tree of Wisdom, fruitful, green,
flourishing beside the stream;
spread your knowledge day and night;
make your law my pure delight.

*Fashion me, O Lord, to be
strong and splendid as a tree.*

Tree of Justice, ever bless;
shade me with your righteousness.
Teach me how to live your ways,
and my lips shall sing your praise.

*Fashion me, O Lord, to be
ever branching as a tree.*

Tree of Plenty, feed my soul;
nurture me, and make me whole.
Give me strength, cast fear aside;
let me in your love abide.

*Fashion me, O Lord, to be
firmly planted as a tree.*

Tree of Promise, keep your vow:
with me then, and with me now.
Springtime blossoms, winter tears,
mark the seasons of my years.

*Fashion me, O Lord, to be
always changing as a tree.*

Like a forest all around,
so the gifts of grace abound:
flowing waters, fertile sod,
sunlit dawn, the Word of God.
*Fashion me, O Lord, to be
living, giving as a tree.*

PRAYER of APPROACH

We worship you, God, as the source of all life...

We worship you, God, as the renewer of life...

We come to grasp your mercy and acceptance,
because Christ lived and died and rose again for
us. We love, because you first loved us.

***May our worship bring you delight,
as your Spirit leads us.
May our worship bring us healing,
as your Son works among us.
May our worship be
an unseen force for good in the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

WORDS of ASSURANCE

If you kept a record of ours sins, who could
escape being condemned? But you forgive us,
so that we should fear you. I wait eagerly for the
Lord's help, and in his word I trust.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Chorus (Taizé Gesänge No. 5)

*Bless the Lord, my soul
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 757

Come, all you people
(Hymn of the Month, September 2015)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 3:13-18 *NT p. 292 (289)*

St. Mark 9:30-37 *NT p. 58*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 198 *

Let us build a house...

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 502 *

Take my life, Lord

(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***Lord our God, you give freely; teach us to
give cheerfully to the cause of your kingdom.
Let your blessing be upon our offerings and
grant us to know the joy of those who give
with their whole heart; through Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord. Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS See also Notices overleaf

PRAYERS for OTHERS / INTERCESSION

(Presbyterian Church in Cameroon)

Response: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Hymn 500

Lord of creation

(Hymn of the Month, September 2014)

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: Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
Reader: Herold Dehling
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 209.15.
- 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 **Belarus, Moldova, Russia** and the **Ukraine**. Info and prayers at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
Wed. 23 Sept.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church)
Fri. 25 Sept.: Joyful Singers 7 pm (Halls)
- **Forthcoming date** – note in your diaries!
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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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30