

Watchword for the Week

Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?
(Genesis 18:14)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

We come to worship the invisible God,
made visible in our world by Jesus.

***We come to worship God,
present in our world and in our lives.***

We come to worship the God
who made us and loves us, always.

***We come to worship God,
present in our world and in our lives.***

We come to worship the God
who calls us sometimes to do,
and other times to sit and listen.

***We come to worship God,
present in our world and in our lives.***

Come, friends, and let us worship God.

Hymn 201 [†] *Worship the Lord in the beauty*
“Forgotten Favourites” are marked with a cross (†)

PRAYER of ADORATION and CONFESSION

Help us to be faithful listeners.

Help us to be faithful servants.

In all that we do, may we welcome you
and serve you as disciples.

Sometimes we get flustered and overwhelmed.
We think we have far too much to do, and we
don't know which way to turn.

***Sometimes when that happens, we lash out:
we blame others for our problems; we think
“if only they would act differently, we would
be fine.” But we know that is not true.***

At those times, O God,
forgive us ... quiet us ... centre us ...

***Help us, O God, to recognize when we take
on too much. Help us to let go, that in letting***

***go we might in turn find ourselves better
able to serve you and others. Amen.***

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Despite all we have done in our lives, God never
gives up on us. Jesus is patient with us, always
loving and forgiving. So let us turn our lives back
to God, and know forgiveness and grace.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Hymn 762 *Glory to God, glory to God*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 8:1-12 OT p. 892 (891)

Hymn 779 * *Listen now for the Gospel*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

St. Luke 10:38-42 NT p. 92
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 720 *There is a longing in our hearts*
(Hymn of the Month, July 2016)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

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

DEDICATION PRAYER

***Lord Jesus, we are yours;
we acknowledge your authority,
and dedicate our lives to you.
Teach us, like Martha,
to be busy in your service,
and, like Mary,
to sit at your feet and listen to your voice,
that our whole being may be offered to you.
We ask it for your sake. Amen.***

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: God of love:

We put our trust in you.

***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 680 *You are called to tell the story*

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:** Katharina Zentgraf
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €211.82.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua** and **Panama**. For a prayer link, visit our website www.ecc-bochum.de
- Upcoming **holiday events** in the Bochum city may make it difficult getting to church:
 - **31 July Sparkassen Giro cycle race**
 - **10-14 August Bochum kulinarisch**
 - **4 September Stadtwerke Halbmarathon**
- The **Bochum Music Summer** from 9-11 September: We once again share with our neighbours in an ecumenical hour of worship on **Sunday, 11 September at 12 noon**.
- The **ECC** is active on **social media** – please check out our profiles on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (addresses overleaf) for updates on current events, etc.
- **But**, please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Joachim Bueckelaer (ca. 1533-1575)
Kitchen Scene with Christ in the House of
Martha and Mary in the background (1569)
(detail, oil on panel, 110 x 140.5 cm)

"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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