

Watchword for the Week

Let us run with perseverance the race that is before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on verses from Psalm 80)

Listen to us, O Shepherd of Israel;
hear us, leader of your flock.

Seated on your throne above the winged creatures, show us your strength; come and save us!

Turn to us, Almighty God!

Look down from heaven at us; come and save your people!

Preserve and protect the people you have chosen; keep us alive and we will praise you.

Bring us back, LORD God Almighty. Show us your mercy, and we will be saved.

Hymn 457 (2)* *All hail the power*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Great is your glory, eternal God,
you dwell in splendour and light.
Let all the peoples praise you, God.

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Great is your power, eternal God,
creator of the universe.

Let all the peoples praise you, God.
Let all the peoples praise you.

Great is your love, eternal God,
you are merciful to all.

Let all the peoples praise you, God.
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Almighty God, our Maker and Judge,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbours
and fallen short of what you meant us to be.

We have thought too much of ourselves
and too little of you. We have turned aside from
the needy and ignored the weak and destitute.

**Have mercy upon us
and renew us by your Spirit,
that we may depart from evil and do good,
seek peace and pursue it,
and serve you with our whole being;
for the sake of our Saviour Christ. Amen.**

Hymn 448 * verse 1 *Shine, Jesus, shine!*
(Led by the **ECC Choir** – all may join in the repeat)

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Thus says the Lord: I will put my law within you,
and will write it upon your hearts; I will be your
God and you shall be my people; all shall know
me, from the least to the greatest, for I will
forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no
more. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME (including Hymn 771)



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:29-38 *NT p. 285 (283)*

Hebrews 11:39 – 12:2 *NT p. 286 (284)*

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

Hymn (PH 465) *O perfect Love [see insert]*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 522 * *The Church is wherever...*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Take our gifts, most loving God,
that they may be used for your glory.
Take our hearts, most loving God,
that they may be filled with love.
Take our wills, most loving God,
that they may be obedient to your call.
Take our actions, most loving God,
that they may bring you praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Renewal of Marriage Covenant

Greeting, Introduction and Prayer

"Samuel singers" *How welcome was the call
God will take care of you [see insert]*

Renewal of Covenant Promises

Blessing

ECC Choir *Holy, holy ("Mass of Joy")*

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lead us, Lord: **to walk in your ways.**

LORD'S PRAYERS (Hymn 652, Form 2 b)

Hymn 160 * *Praise, my soul, the King*

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** Herold Dehling
 - Readers** Jordan & Shane Samuel
 - Music** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
ECC Choir: Dani Simanjuntak
Samuel Family Singers:
Suresh Samuel (Keyboard)
- Today's worship includes **50th Anniversary Thanksgiving** and renewal of marriage vows for G.S. and Jasmine Samuel.
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 151.70.
- 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 ***Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia***. See: www.ecc-bochum.de
- One more **holiday event** in the Bochum city may restrict access to the church:
 - **4 September Stadtwerke Halbmarathon**
- **Bochum Music Summer** Joint worship on **Sunday, 11 September** at **12 noon** at the Kuhhirten stage on the Bongard Boulevard.
- The **ECC** is active on **social media** – please check out our profiles on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (addresses overleaf)
- **But**, please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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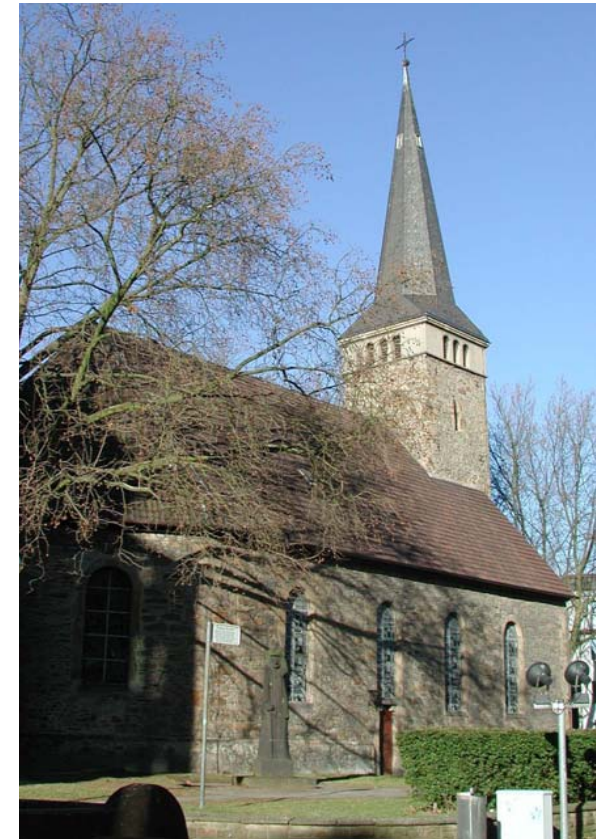
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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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