

Watchword for the Week

Let mutual love continue.
(Hebrews 13:1)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

From the ends of the earth
we are gathered together;
**the poor and the rich,
the joyful and the sorrowful,
the honoured and the despised.**

All are gathered in one community,
reflecting the love and life of God.

We have come from many worlds.
Let us worship God as one!

Hymn 198 * *Let us build a house*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of ADORATION and CONFESSION

This is the place and this is the time;
here and now, God waits
to break into our experience:

**To change our minds,
to change our lives,
to change our ways;**
to make us see the world
and the whole of life in a new light;
**to fill us with hope, joy,
and certainty for the future.**

This is the place, as are all places;
this is the time, as are all times.
**O God of this place and every place,
God of this time and all time,
here and now, we praise you.**

We come before you, Lord,
bringing our different thoughts and feelings:

*Some of us are joyful, glad to be here,
full of thanksgiving.*

*Some of us are here reluctantly,
out of a sense of duty or expectation.*

*Some of us are weighed down, burdened by
responsibility, worried, disheartened.*

*Some of us are not really here,
still caught up in yesterday,
or already thinking about tomorrow.*

We're all ashamed as we reflect on the past
week of things we've said, or not said,
things we've done, or not done.

Hymn 485 *verses 1+2 *Dear Lord and Father*

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Whatever our thoughts and feelings,
you, Lord Jesus, are always the same:
yesterday, today and forever.
**We can depend on your welcoming love,
your compassionate understanding,
your gracious forgiveness.**

Whatever our thoughts and feelings,
you are our constant in a world of change.
We thank you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 *NT p. 287 (285)*

St. Luke 14:1, 7-14 *NT p. 98*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 616 *There's a spirit in the air*
(Hymn of the Month, August 2016)

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 496 *Humbly in your sight we come*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Lord God, our hearts are yours to share your love. Our eyes are yours to see the world as you see it. Our hands are yours to work for you, our feet to walk with you, our tongues to speak for you, our ears to hear from you. With these gifts, we give our whole selves for your service. Take them and us now, that we may remain yours forevermore. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

The Lord is our helper: **we will not be afraid.**

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 685 * *For everyone born, a place*

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:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 216.74.
- 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 ***Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania***. Info at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
 - Wednesday, 31 August**
6:00 pm **ECC Choir** practice in church
 - Sunday, 4 September**
10:30 am **Kids' Church** planning brunch
- **Note:** The *Stadtwerke Halbmarathon next Sunday* will restrict access to church for those approaching the city from the South.
- **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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English-speaking Christian Congregation
Bochum, Germany

28 August 2016



"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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