

Watchword for the Week

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

(Psalm 113:3)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

need and to learn from them,
and to learn of our own need.

Where we think we are sent, make us ready to
receive; where we are keen to teach,
make us ready to learn.

Prepare us for your way, O Lord.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

Lord, you know our deepest desires,
and we know the vision of your Kingdom...

We bring before you those elements in our lives
in need of your transforming power:
that which we misuse or neglect,
that which we most reluctantly let go of,
that which we believe is not good enough.
Inspire us and disturb us
to examine our deepest desires.

Prepare us for your way, O Lord.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

Hymn 805 * *Your will be done on earth, O Lord*

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Lord, you know our potential,
but what is your purpose for our lives?

In our uncertainty
and in the knowledge of your faithfulness,
prepare us for your way, O Lord.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Timothy 2:1-7 *NT p. 263 (262)*

St. Luke 16:1-13 *NT p. 100*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 588

Praise the Spirit in creation
(Hymn of the Month, September 2016)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 159

Lord, for the years
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***May these gifts be used to bring hope to the
hopeless. Take us, Lord, and make us
faithful in the little things, so that in the
fullness of time you will be able to entrust us
with all you have planned. Take all we have,
Lord, and make us a fragrant sacrifice of
love. Amen.***

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

***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 286 * *Tell out, my soul, the greatness*

BLESSING and ***Threefold Amen*** (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 113)

Praise the LORD!

You servants of the LORD, praise his name!

May his name be praised, now and for ever.

***From the east to the west,
praise the name of the LORD!***

The Lord rules over all nations;

his glory is above the heavens.

There is no one like the Lord our God.

***He lives in the heights above, but he bends
down to see the heavens and the earth.***

He raises the poor from the dust;

he lifts the needy from their misery

and makes them companions of princes,

the princes of his people.

Praise the LORD!

Hymn 152 * *Praise the Lord, his glories show*

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

PRAYER of APPROACH

Lord, you know that we love you,
and we know what you ask us to do...

But for those times we have been too busy

when we have been hard-hearted

when we have been lukewarm,

we say sorry

and ask for your forgiving love.

Prepare us for your way, O Lord.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

Lord, you know our good intentions,

and we know your will...

but hold us back long enough to listen to those in

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:** Andrea Nieder Hagemann
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.***
- 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 ***Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania***. Info at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Forthcoming events**
 - Sunday 25 September 2016**
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth
 - Sunday, 2 October 2016**
Harvest Thanks Worship and Auction
Please take and share invitation letters.
 - Sunday, 9 October 2016**
Preacher: Geeske Dehling (Berlin)
Celebration of Holy Communion:
Rev. Simon Elive Mokoko, Azire PC (tbc)
- 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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"Therefore be as shrewd as snakes
and as innocent as doves."
Matthew 10:16 (NIV)

"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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