

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Very truly, I tell you,
whoever believes has eternal life."

(John 6:47)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

Hymn 556 *

I need thee every hour

CHILDREN'S TIME

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Listen, for the God who creates us says,

'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name: you are mine.

'You are precious to me.
I love you, I honour you, I am with you.'

(Pause)

So we respond:

***Maker of all, we are your children,
the creatures of your kindness,
the bearers of your image.***

***This day, we will walk by your light,
follow your Son, and live by your Spirit.***

***This day, we will not offer to you
offerings that cost us nothing.
For this is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.***

Choir *I've got peace like a river in my soul*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 *NT p. 244 (243)*

Hymn 256 *May the God of hope go with us
(Hymn of the Month, August 2018)*

St. John 6:35, 41-51 *NT p. 125*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 484 * *Great God, your love has called us
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

Let us dedicate the offering.

***God our Saviour, we pray you, accept and
bless these our offerings for the spreading
of your Gospel, and increase in us the spirit
of giving for the glory of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

Choir *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

God of justice, ***show yourself.***

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

***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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

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

CLOSING RESPONSES

From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the familiarity of what we know
to the wonder of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To transform the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 130 – New Revised Standard Version)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
Lord, hear my voice!

***Let your ear be attentive
to the voice of my supplication.***

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

***But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.***

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
***my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.***

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him there is great power to redeem.
***It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.***

Hymn 257 * *Singing, we gladly worship*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

From before the world began
and after the end of eternity, you are God.

From the sea bursting from its womb
to the wind ceasing from its chase, you are God

In the vastness of the universe
and the forgotten corners of our hearts,
you are God.

You are our God, and we bless you.

*The following sections all end with the response:
...we need you, God. **We need you, God.***

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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Justus Masa
 - Readers:** Jordan Samuel
Heinrich Ohlendorf
 - Organist:** Dani Simanjuntak
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Australia** and **New Zealand**. Info link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Donations** (tax deductible) for the church renovation may be made by bank transfer to “*Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Bochum*”, **IBAN: DE57 4305 0001 0001 3021 65**. Please specify “*Renovierung Pauluskirche*”.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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“Like father, like son!”

12th after Pentecost

“Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus”

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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