

Watchword for the Week

Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.

(Proverbs 9:6)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

(Silence)

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness
**for our careless thoughts,
for our thoughtless deeds,
for our empty speech
and the words with which we wounded.**

(Silence)

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness
**for our false desires,
for our hateful actions,
for our wastefulness
and for all we left untended.**

(Silence)

O loving Christ,
hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning,
scatter the sin from our souls
as the mist from the hills;
begin what we do,
inform what we say,
redeem who we are.
**In you we place our hope,
our great hope, our living hope,
this day and for evermore.
Amen.**

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

PROMISE of PEACE

The peace of God, the peace of God's people,
the peace of Mary mild, the loving one,
and of Christ, King of human hearts,
God's own peace ...

**Be upon each thing our eyes take in;
be upon each thing our ears take in;
be upon our bodies which come from earth;
be upon our souls which come from heaven,
evermore and evermore. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 169 * *Praise the Lord with the sound*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 5:15-20 NT p. 244

St. John 6:51-58 NT p. 125

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 185 * *Come, children, join and sing*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 510 * *Jesus calls us here to meet him*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Father of mercies, receive the offerings
which, out of the thankfulness of our hearts,
we present to you in devotion to your most
holy name; receive us by your Spirit that our
gifts may be signs of our consecration and
willingness to serve you; through Jesus
Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 159 *Lord, for the years your love*
(Hymn of the Month, August 2012)

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 111 – New Revised Standard Version)

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks
to the LORD with my whole heart, in the
company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful
deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good
understanding. **His praise endures forever.**

Hymn 175 * *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

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

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of life, do not darken the light to us.

God of life, do not limit your joy in us.

God of life, do not shut your door to us.

God of life, do not refuse us your mercy.

O God of life, eternity cannot hold you,
nor can our little words catch
the magnificence of your kindness.

Yet in the space of our small hearts and in
silence you can come close and repair us.

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
 - Reader:** Carlos Obimdi
 - Organist:** Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 209.24 plus € 100 donated for the church renovation.
- **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".
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Liberia** and **Sierra Leone**. Prayer link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Dates to note:**
 - Sunday, 2 September** 12:30 h: Communion and infant blessing (Matheo Adouakou).
 - Sunday, 9 September** 11:00 h: ecumenical outdoor worship, Bochum Music Summer (Kuhhirten Stage, Bongard Boulevard).
 - Sunday, 16 September** 12:30 h: special offering in worship for the church renovation.
 - Sunday, 23 September** 12:30 h: Family Worship with our Kids' Church children.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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13th 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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