

### Watchword for the Week

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eye. (Psalm 19:8)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 124)

What if the Lord had not been on our side?  
Answer, O Israel!

***If the Lord had not been on our side  
when our enemies attacked us,  
then they would have swallowed us alive  
then the flood would have carried us away,  
the water would have covered us,  
the raging torrent would have drowned us.***

Let us thank the Lord,  
who has not let our enemies destroy us.  
***We have escaped like a bird  
from a hunter's trap;  
the trap is broken, and we are free!  
Our help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.***

**Hymn 456 \*** *Crown him with many crowns*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***  
Christ, have mercy. ***Christ, have mercy.***

### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:  
Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life  
to all who receive him. In this his love for us is  
seen and felt, new every morning.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### SKETCH "The Call"

**Hymn 550** *As the deer pants for the water*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 OT p. 498 (496)

St. Mark 9:38-50 NT p. 59  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*  
The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

**Hymn 502 \*** *Take my life and let it be*

SERMON Rev. Eric Foggitt  
(Southend, UK / Amsterdam, NL)

**Hymn 645** *I'm not ashamed to own my Lord*  
(Offerings are gathered)

**Hymn 807** **Doxology**  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***  
(Offerings are brought forward)

### 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 466** *Before the throne of God above*

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:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
  - Reader:** Joana Masa
  - Organist:** Sascha Weber
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 93.07.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia**. Link from [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Dates to note:**
  - Sunday, 7 October** 12:30 h: Harvest Festival Worship. Please invite friends and bring harvest goods, to be auctioned after worship. Buffet meal afterwards – please also bring food to share together.
- **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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**"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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