

Watchword for the Week

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

(Mark 10:45)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

Help us to recognize your glory in everything around us: the winds carry your messages, and the elements preach your sermons.

All of creation is a living love letter that inspires awe and praise.

Help us to celebrate and find solace in this love today and every day.

When we take counsel in pretty words that lack knowledge and wisdom, **forgive us.**

When we speak with authority and condemnation about things we barely understand, **forgive us.**

When we, in our ignorance, act as if we can control the morning stars or the lion's roar, **forgive us.**

When we have forgotten you and have forgotten who we are, **forgive us.**

Hymn 493 * *It's me, it's me, O Lord!*

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

God, who speaks in whirlwinds and soft breezes, continues to speak to us now. Be assured that God's still small voice is planted deep within each of us, for the sake of creation. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 143 * *Who put the colours in the rainbow?*



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 38:1-7 OT p. 531 (529)

St. Mark 10:35-45 NT p. 61

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 374 * *This is our God, the Servant King*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 258 *When the hungry who have nothing (Offerings are gathered and brought forward) (Hymn of the Month, October 2018)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

Gracious God, we offer you these gifts. Multiply them so that they might help build your kingdom on earth and be of service to the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS
Into your hands, Lord, **we commit our prayers.**

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 266 * *God the Omnipotent!*

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

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WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 104 – New International Version)

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, how great you are!

You are clothed with majesty and glory; you cover yourself with light.

You have spread out the heavens like a tent and built your home on the waters above.

You use the clouds as your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind.

You use the winds as your messengers and flashes of lightning as your servants.

You have set the earth firmly on its foundations, and it will never be moved.

You placed the ocean over it like a robe, and the water covered the mountains.

When you rebuked the waters, they fled; they rushed away when they heard your shout of command.

They flowed over the mountains and into the valleys, to the place you had made for them.

You set a boundary they can never pass, to keep them from covering the earth again.

LORD, you have made so many things!

How wisely you made them all!

The earth is filled with your creatures.

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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Hymn 132 * *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

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

PRAYER of APPROACH

God, you are so great, we cannot help but praise you with our entire being.

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:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
 - Organist:** Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 267.40.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.** Link to prayers 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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"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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