

Watchword for the Week

The LORD has done great things for us.
(Psalm 126:3)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ways in every moment of our lives and with every beat of our hearts.

God, you bring us together to worship you; you give us a reason, an opportunity and a place to praise you;

You greet us in ancient words which come to life and in new words which speak of timeless assurances.

For all your gifts, Lord, we are eternally grateful, yet too often we fail to show it.

In your generous giving we are too ready to take from you and to deny one another; too quick to grasp at the expense of your name and the comfort of others.

Grant us your grace, Lord God, bring us your understanding and greet us in our humility as we confess our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

God graciously enters our messy lives and heavy hearts that we may we begin each day anew, assured of the love which came from on high to live and grow among us. That love springs fresh every day through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn 237 * *Look forward in faith*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 350 v.1-4 *When Jesus the healer passed*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 3:19-28 *NT p. 190*

St. Mark 10:46-52 *NT p. 61*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 555 *

Amazing grace!

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

Giver of Life, prosper the work of our hands in faith. Prosper the work of our gifts offered in gratitude. Prosper the joy of our life in following the Christ. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: What do you want God to do for you?
Lord, we want to see.

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 454 * *A safe stronghold our God is still*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Psalm 46 – New International Version)

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble;
therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way and the
mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though the waters of the sea roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see the works of the LORD;
he makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”
The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Hymn 189 * *Be still, for the presence of the Lord*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Still our hearts, O God, and make us aware of your loving presence. Open our hearts to your teachings, that your ways might become our



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:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Organist:** Arno Hartmann
- 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 **Canada and the United States of America**. Link to information and prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- Our **Annual General Meeting** including elections to the Church Council will take place on **Sunday 25 November** after worship in the church hall / Kirchencafé. Please note the date and make every effort to attend. A Pot-luck Buffet is planned.
- **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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*The LORD God Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
(Psalm 46:7)*

Reformation Sunday

"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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