

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, little flock,
for it is your Father's good pleasure
to give you the kingdom."

(Luke 12:32)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

**Help us to bathe in your light,
and to always be responding.**

O God of love,
open our eyes to your presence among us,
that we may hear your word, be transformed
by it, and follow your righteousness
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

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

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

God is merciful and kind,
though our sins are like scarlet,
they become like snow.
Be at peace, for your sins are washed clean
by the goodness of God. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 OT p. 670 (669)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 NT p. 284 (282)

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

Hymn 263 *God of freedom, God of justice*
(Hymn of the Month, August 2019)

SERMON Rev James Brown

Hymn 720 * *There is a longing in our hearts*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

In the midst of hunger and war,
**we celebrate the promise
of plenty and peace.**

In the midst of oppression and tyranny,
**we celebrate the promise
of service and freedom.**

In the midst of doubt and despair,
we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.

In the midst of fear and betrayal,
we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

In the midst of hatred and death,
we celebrate the promise of love and life.

In the midst of sin and decay,
**we celebrate the promise
of salvation and renewal.**

In the midst of death on every side,
we celebrate the promise of the living Christ.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS See Notices overleaf

PRAYERS for OTHERS

O God of hope, **increase our faith.**

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)*
(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 237 * *Look forward in faith*

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)
Please remain standing as the Bible is removed

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

ENTRY of the BIBLE *Please stand if able to*

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

O God, who called all life into being,
the earth, sea and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us,
every atom is full of your energy.

Your spirit enlivens all who walk the earth.
With her we yearn for justice to be done,
for creation to be freed from bondage,
for the hungry to be fed,
for captives to be released,
for your kingdom of peace to come to earth.

Hymn 105 *Glory to God above!*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Hymn of the Month, January 2019)

PRAYER of APPROACH

O God of promise, creator of the cosmos,
you are the first light breaking through the void,
and the final light we shall eternally enjoy.

**Help us to bathe in your light,
and to always be responding.**

O God of forgiveness, we so often place our
own comforts above compassion for others.
Forgive us, we pray,
for dishonouring the call to love our neighbour,
without condition or expectation.

**Help us to bathe in your light,
and to always be responding.**

O God of hope, equip us this day to go forth
glorifying your wonderful name.
Clothe us in your love, dressed for action,
and eager to receive you.

Notices

- **“All are welcome in this place.”** *Good you're here!* Please add your name and post or e-mail address to the book at the back of church to receive details of upcoming events.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
 - Liturgy:** Jade Ableitner
 - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
 - Sermon:** James Brown
 - Organ:** Nicole Hartmann
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on the **Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania** and **Niger**. Link to prayers and information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- The **ECC Choir** resumes on Wednesday, 4 September at 6 p.m. *New singers welcome!*
- **Musiksommer** worship on **8 September** is ecumenical and open-air at the *Kuhhirten* (Cowherd) Monument and begins at 11 a.m.!
- The next **Sensible Shoes Book Club** for women session is *Thursday 12 September* from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Kirchencafé.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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