

Watchword for the Week

The steadfast love of the Lord is
from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him.
(Psalm 103:17)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

*As is the tradition in many churches, please stand
if you are able to as the Bible is carried into church.*

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

For all who are bent over with worry,
this is a place of sanctuary.
For all who are burdened with life,
this is a house of care.

For all who are lost to community,
this is a place of welcome.

For all who travel with questions,
this is a community of seekers.

For all who reach out to God,
this is a sacred space of worship.

Come, let us worship God together.

Hymn 543 * *Christ be our light!*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

We come to you, O God, bound by the world.
Speak your liberation to us.

We come to you, O God, burdened by life.
Teach us how to laugh again.

We come to you, O God, weighed down by
anxiety. **Give us a new rhythm to follow.**

Smooth our crumpled living, O God, **that we
might move confidently into life with you.**

Liberating God, the voice of Jesus Christ
calls us out of shadows into new life.

Yet sometimes, we ignore that voice
even when it calls within our heart.

We may think ourselves unworthy
or too busy, or too unskilled
to be prophets and disciples.

At other times, we may discredit the ministry of
others, believing that you would only call certain
kinds of people to proclaim your word.

Liberate us again, O God.
Set us free from our misunderstandings
and help us to embrace and embody
your hopes and dreams. **Amen.**

Hymn 263 *God of freedom, God of justice*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Hymn of the Month, August 2019)

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

God's Spirit has given us life.
Christ has set us free!
God forgives us.
Christ has set us free!
Let us live by the Spirit.
Christ has set us free! Alleluia! Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME



*Father Abraham had many sons;
many daughters had Father Abraham.
I am one of them and so are you,
so let's all praise the Lord....*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT p. 731 (732)

St. Luke 13:10-17 NT p. 97
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 341 * *Blest are they, the poor in spirit*

SERMON

Rev James Brown

Hymn 665 * *One bread, one body*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Loving God,
we rejoice that our lives are
already consecrated by you.
Inspired by the knowledge of your love,
giving thanks for the gifts
you offer us each day, we pray
that these offerings and our lives
may further your kingdom on earth.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTSS *See Notices overleaf*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - Organ:** Erwin Mosel
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offerings totalled € 161.34.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau** and **Senegal**. Link to prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Worship in September** has a **Creation theme** celebrating the world and its diversity:
 - 1 September:** Ocean Sunday
 - 8 September:** “*Wat isset schön!*” Ecumenical outdoor worship at 11 a.m.! (Boulevard) during Bochum Musiksommer
 - 15 September:** Fauna and Flora Sunday
 - 22 September:** Storm Sunday
 - 29 September:** Cosmos Sunday
 - 6 October:** Harvest Thanks Celebration
- The **ECC Choir** resumes on Wednesday, 4 September at 6 p.m. *New singers welcome!*
- 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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Eleventh 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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