

Watchword for the Week

Choose life so that you and your descendants
may live, loving the Lord your God,
obeying him, and holding fast to him.
(Deuteronomy 30:19+20)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

**but we know that they are there
to show us how to live and love like you.**

Our lives are different from each other
and from the people in the Bible.
Our families all look different,
and we know that no matter what they look like,
we still love them, and you always love us.

**And so, gathered here in your presence,
may we lay down all that burdens us,
all the anger we have for one another,
and create a peace-filled place,
a forgiving place,
a renewing place,
and be focussed anew
on worshipping you, the one God,
knowing that you forgive us all.**

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

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

Living God, we thank you for Your grace in
those times when we fail to follow you. We thank
you for your eternal love in those times when the
small things take over our lives and we forget
what is most important. We thank you for the
knowledge that, whatever mistakes we make,
you always love us. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Hymn 674 *Halleluya! We sing your praises*
(Hymn of the Month, February 2020)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 OT p. 201

Matthew 5:21-37 NT p. 8 (7)

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

Hymn 360* *Jesus Christ is waiting*

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

OFFERING

*As we sing these choruses, you are invited to bring
your offerings forward to the basket at the altar steps:*

Hymn 788 *Know that God is good*

Hymn 359* *He came down that we may have:
...love; peace; joy*

Hymn 516* *We are marching in the light*

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Loving God, we give you thanks for all you
have given to us and we praise you for your
astounding goodness. Receive the
dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies
for the ministry of your church. Bless our
offering for the work of your kingdom, and
give us wisdom for the right use of all that
you have provided, through Jesus Christ,
our Lord, Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Show us the way of life:
and help us to walk in it.

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your 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 153* *Great is thy faithfulness*

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)
Please remain standing until the Bible is carried out.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible is carried in.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

With nature in its power and beauty,
with rain and wind and sunshine,
with the ancient rocks and budding flowers,
we gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers the whole world
wide, with people in every land,
and with speakers of every language,
we gather in praise of God.

With the angels and saints in heaven,
with those who first built community here
and with all who have worshipped in this place,
we gather in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence
and the Spirit who showers her blessings,
we gather in praise of God.

Hymn 175* *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

We give you thanks, O God,
for all that we have and all that we are:
We are your people, we come as we are,
different and together, joyful and sad.
We live our lives, attempting to follow
your example and your teaching,
but we do not always have the strength or will.

**Go, we wonder at the things you tell us;
we do not always know what you mean.
Sometimes the stories we hear
are hard to understand,**

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:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
 - Readers:** Cyniora Ekokobe
Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
 - Kids' Church** Dirk Erlenkämper
Maria Adouakou
- 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 **France, Germany and Monaco**. Link to prayers and further information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **“Life of the Spoken Word”** workshops with creative speech artist Tessa Westlake on **29 February** (Upstairs Hall) and **14 March** (Pauluskirche): The sessions will each start at 10.30 a.m., lasting approx. 1½ hours. Please register with Pastor Jimmy.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

“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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