

NOTICES

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It is good you are here!* As a sign of our Christian care and concern for each other, we ask everyone to respect the Covid prevention rules. During the service, please keep your mouth and nose covered with a mask, especially during hymns.
- Today's guest preacher is Angelina Yeboah Lartey (Methodist Church of Ghana). Angelina holds a Masters degree in Intercultural Theology from the University of Göttingen. Currently she is a Ph.D. student at Ruhr-University School of Theology.
- Today's worship team:

Minister: Angelina Yeboah Lartey
Duty Elder: Herold Dehling
Reader: Marcus Sarpong
Organist: Sebastian Stüwe
Kids' Church: Annegret Stüwe

- The offering basket is the congregation's main source of income. Last Sunday's offering totalled 239.71 EUR. **Please give generously.**
- The **Kirchencafé** will be open until 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and continued fellowship. Please respect the Covid rules, and help tidy up afterwards. Thank you!
- The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on **Belize, Guatemala, Honduras** and **Mexico**.
- On Sunday, 6 November 2022, we will celebrate **Harvest Thanksgiving Worship**, followed by our traditional harvest auction. Please invite family and friends, and bring gifts that can be sold during the auction.

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Bochum, Germany

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19th Sunday after Pentecost 2022

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

Worship every Sunday at 12:30
Ecumenical – International – English-Language

Watchword for the Week

Proclaim the message, be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable, convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. *2 Timothy 4:2*

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

I lift up my eyes to the hills
where does my help come from?

Psalm 121

***My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.***

He will not let your foot slip
he who watches over you will not slumber;
***indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.***

The Lord watches over you,
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
***the sun will not harm you by day
nor the moon by night.***

The Lord will keep you from all harm,
he will watch over your life;
***the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore. Amen***

Hymn 154

How great thou art

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we come to you knowing our frailty,
confessing thoughts and deeds
that separate us from one another, and from you.

***We seek to be reunited with our true selves,
with one another, and with you.
This can only happen in your grace and mercy.
We trust your promise and receive forgiveness.***

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Hear these words from Jeremiah:

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, says God: I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people. I will forgive their iniquity,
and I will remember their sins no more.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDRENS' TIME

Hymn 547

What a friend we have in Jesus

*During the singing of this hymn, the children may leave the church for their own service
that will be held in the Parish Halls.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32: 22-31

OT, p. 35

Luke 18: 1-8

NT, p. 103

The Word of God: ***Thanks be to God***

Hymn 132

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

SERMON

Seek the Open

Angelina Yeboah Lartey, M.A.

Hymn 519

Love divine, all loves excelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn 555

Amazing Grace

Please bring your offering forward to the basket during the singing of this hymn.

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

The LORD'S PRAYER

***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 516

Siyahamba (We are marching in the light of God)

BLESSING and ***Threefold Amen***

ORGAN POSTLUDE