

### Watchword for the Week

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."  
(1 Corinthians 3:11)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(Psalm 119:33-40)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your  
law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.

**Turn my heart to your decrees,  
and not to selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
give me life in your ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the disgrace that I dread,  
for your ordinances are good.

**See, I have longed for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life.**

**Hymn 502 \*** *Take my life, Lord, let it be*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

God, we praise you that you welcome us  
not only as we are, but you see the potential  
for who we could be in you.

We praise you that you have the patience to  
encourage us to keep on striving to be like you  
while loving us the way we are.

It is your love that brings purpose to our lives  
and to all that we desire, your love that lifts us  
up from mediocrity to the heights of glory.

**In our worship, grant us vision to capture  
your dream for us and then to go, in your  
power, to serve you by serving others.**

Lord, when we are so consumed with our own  
need that we fail to see the needs of others,  
**have mercy on us.**

When our heads are way up in the clouds  
and we trip over those lying at our feet,  
**have mercy on us.**

When we are full of self importance  
and ignore what really matters,  
**have mercy on us.**

Have mercy on us and bestow on us the ability  
to see as you see, with love and compassion  
and the will to go the extra mile to serve you.  
**Amen.**

### WORDS of AFFIRMATION

In Christ we are given new life:  
**The old is gone. The new is before us.**

We are free to live fully in the present:  
**The good news of salvation is this:  
God sets us free to love. Amen.**

**Hymn 760 \*** *Gloria / Glory to God* [repeated ad lib]  
*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!*  
*Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE (eg 433)  
*Hevenu shalom alechem. [We wish peace to you all.]*  
(Children may leave for Kids' Church)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 OT p. 118

**Hymn 752** *Alleluia, alleluia* [repeated ad lib]

St. Matthew 5:38-48 NT p. 8  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 528 \*** *Make me a channel of your peace*

### SERMON

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 113 \*** *God the Father of Creation*  
(Offerings are gathered)

**Hymn 807 \*** **Doxology**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**  
(Offerings are brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**God we thank you for these gifts and for the  
freedom to give. May they bless our  
neighbours as you have blessed us, so that  
we all may rest and work with the peace and  
reassurance of perfect love given and  
received through you. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *see Notices overleaf*

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Holy God, we commit ourselves to your service:  
**Hymn 801 \*** *Ubi caritas et amor,*  
*ubi caritas, Deus ibi est*

**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, and the power, and**  
**the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 341 \*** *Blest are they, the poor in spirit*  
(Hymn of the Month, February 2014)

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

# 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:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
  - Organ:** Katharina Zentgraf
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 171.97.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- **Linda Baroes** and **Naomi Ujma** are representing our congregation this weekend at the **European Youth Presbytery** being held at St. Columba's, Budapest, Hungary.
- **Next week's diary** – please come along!
  - Wednesday, 26 February** at 18:00 hrs.  
**ECC Choir** practice | Pauluskirche  
*New members are very welcome.*
  - Wednesday, 26 February** at 19:30 hrs.  
**Bible Study:** #6 "Can you measure generosity?" (Luke 18:18-25; Luke 21:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15) Pariser Str. 4-6.
  - Friday, 28 February** at 19:00 hrs.  
**Joyful Singers** practice | Pariser Str. 4-6  
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- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on **Germany** and **France**. Further information at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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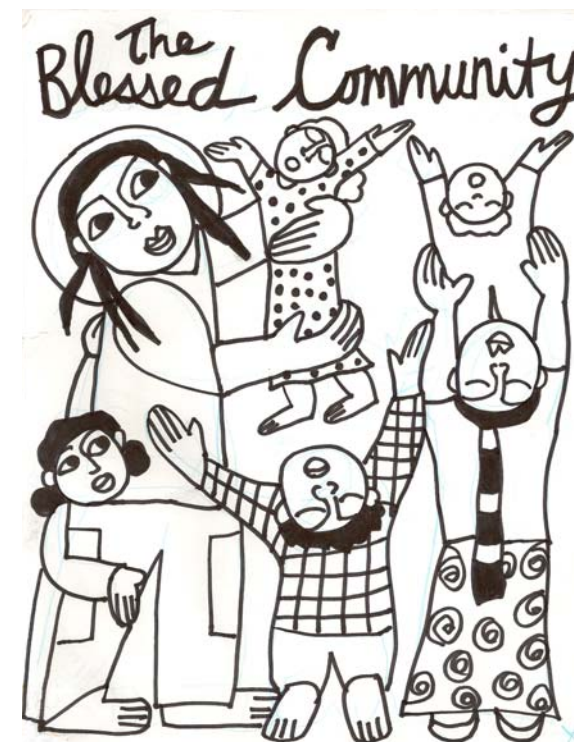
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## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

"Pax intransibis, salus exeuntibus"

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

### Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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