

Watchword for the Week

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. (Psalm 147:5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 147)

Praise the LORD who is restoring Jerusalem; he is bringing back the exiles. He heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds.

It is good to sing praise to our God; it is pleasant and right to praise him.

He has decided the number of stars and calls each one by name. Great and mighty is our Lord; his wisdom cannot be measured.

Sing hymns of praise to the LORD; play music on the harp to our God.

He spreads the clouds over the sky; he provides rain for the earth and makes the grass grow on the hills; he gives animals their food.

It is good to sing praise to our God; it is pleasant and right to praise him.

His pleasure is not in strong horses, nor his delight in brave soldiers; but he takes pleasure in those who honour him and trust in his love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion! Praise the LORD!

Hymn 103

Fill your hearts with joy

PRAYER of ADORATION and CONFESSION

God we gather this day
to remember your great love for us.

**Your love is woven within us
and in the fabric of all creation.**

We cannot comprehend the magnitude
of your love for this planet and for its people,
yet you know each one of us by name;
and you call us to works of peace and justice.

**May we respond to your call, leading us into
works of justice, peace and compassion.**

God, you ask,
"Have you not known? Have you not heard?"
We try to understand, we think we hear,
but there is so much noise in our world.
We hear those who shout the loudest,
whose sound-bites demand the most attention.
Forgive us for not hearing the voices of the
silenced, not seeing those who are made
invisible. Sometimes, God, the pain and needs
of our communities and our world overwhelm us.
Remind us again that you are God and you are
everlasting, even until the ends of the earth.
Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

God knows our weariness, knows our blindness,
and loves us still. We have the promise that if
we wait for God our strength will be renewed.
Depend upon it. Be renewed and set free.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn 83 * *I rejoiced when I heard them say*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:21-31 OT p. 703 (702)

St. Mark 1:29-39 NT p. 46

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn *Those who wait on the Lord* (SGP 106)

Those who wait on the Lord
shall renew their strength,
*they shall rise up on wings as eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint;
help us Lord, help us Lord in your way.*

Those who serve the suffering world...

Those who live the risen life...

Those who love the Mystery...

Those who die on the march...

Those who wait on the Lord...

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 358 *The great love of God is revealed*
(Hymn of the Month, February 2015)
(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 are all in this together. May we keep
that in mind as we return to you a portion of
what you have given us. We pray that our
offerings may be one means of moving your
creation a little closer to peace, justice, and
reconciliation. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response (Hymn 805 *):

Your Kingdom come:

your will be done on earth, O Lord!

**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 374 * *From heaven you came*

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:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Meghan Di Luzio
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 135.18.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
 - Tues. 10 Feb: Bible Study** 7.30 pm (Halls)
Session #4: Genesis 11:31 – 12:4, Psalm 23, Acts 10:9-20, John 4:25-28
 - Wed. 11 Feb.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
 - Fri. 13 Feb.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands.** More information at: 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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"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30