

Watchword for the Week

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Psalm 50:1-6)

The Almighty God, the LORD, speaks;
he calls the whole earth from east to west.

**God shines from Zion,
the city perfect in its beauty.**

Our God is coming, but not in silence;
a raging fire is in front of him,
a furious storm is round him.

**He calls heaven and earth as witnesses
to see him judge his people.**

He says, "Gather my faithful people to me,
those who made a covenant with me
by offering me a sacrifice."

**The heavens proclaim that God is righteous,
that he himself is judge.**

Hymn 543 * *Longing for light, we wait*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of ADORATION and CONFESSION

God, who comes to us in the mountains of our life, transformed and transforming holy presence, shining through the valleys of our experience, warming and lighting our souls with shining hopes and great responsibilities, we praise you for the light of Jesus Christ.

At this time of new beginnings we come with hope for fresh ways of seeing your life among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

Holy God, we are sometimes tempted to believe that we can bring you down to our limited

understanding of the divine life. Sometimes we try to capture you and define you so that we can show to others that you belong to us.

**Jesus Christ, forgive us. Remind us
of your Godliness and our humanity.**

God of great beauty, sometimes we have reduced you to a list of rules which seem so important to us and have forgotten the grace of your presence.

**Jesus Christ, forgive us. Remind us
of your Godliness and our humanity.**

God of wonder, if we have limited the riches of your love for us and all creation, refusing to set foot on the mountain of life in the Spirit:

**Jesus Christ, forgive us. Remind us
of your Godliness and our humanity.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Here in this place there is a mountain top gift of grace for us. In Christ we are forgiven. Rise up and live in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn 65 * *Jubilate, everybody* (repeated ad lib.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *NT p. 225 (224)*

St. Mark 9:2-9 *NT p. 57*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 358 *The great love of God is revealed*
(Hymn of the Month, February 2015)

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 476 * *Mine eyes have seen the glory*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

God of light and glory, may we recognise your glory around us – a sense of the sacred found in the everyday: in the stories of faith we tell, in the lives of the people we meet, in the words we use to speak. May your majesty and mystery always be within our seeing, close enough for our hearing, and present in our living. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response (Hymn 448 * refrain only):

Enlighten us and this world of ours:

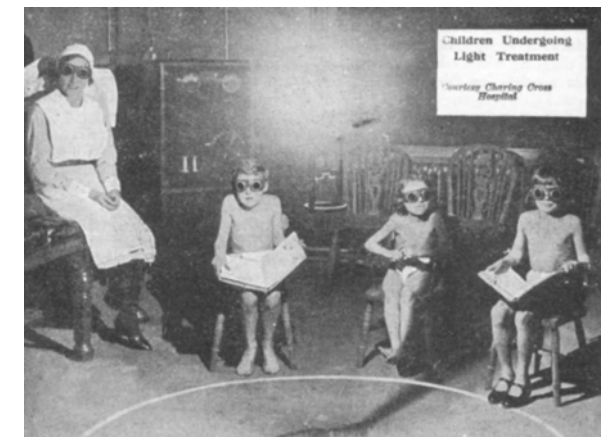
Shine, Jesus, shine! Fill this land...

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 519 * *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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:** Eric Obimdi
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 191.77.
- 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. 17 Feb: Bible Study** 7.30 pm (Halls)
Session #5: Genesis 46:1-7, Psalm 133, Acts 2:1-11, John 4:7-15
 - Wed. 18 Feb.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
 - Fri. 20 Feb.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Portugal, Spain, Italy** and **Malta**. More information at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you. 



"Take away what is
opaque in me,
O Lord,
and help me to become
transparent."

Dom Helder Camara



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Transfiguration

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30