Watchword for the Week

If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSES (from Psalm 133)

Behold how good and pleasant it is for God's people to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious anointing ointment running down from Aaron's head and beard, running down to the skirts of his garments! It is like the dew on Mount Hermon, which descended upon the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord has promised his blessing – even life for evermore!

Hymn 153 * Great is thy faithfulness **People's Choice Hymns** are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

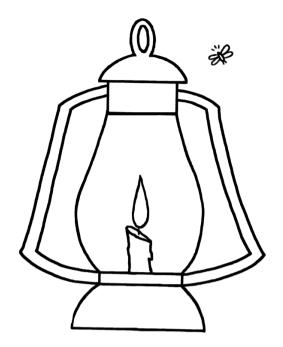
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 556 * I need thee every hour

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS (1 John 1:5, 7)

"God is light and there is no darkness at all in him... If we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin." *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME



Chorus

This little light of mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; (3x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Jesus is the light, I'm gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Now we share God's peace... (Continue singing as we pass the Peace)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may gather at the table in the rear of the church)

EPISTLE READING 🕮

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

NT p. 303 (300)

Hymn 561 *

Blessed assurance

GOSPEL READING 🕮

St. John 20:19-31

NT p. 145

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Word of God. Thanks be to God!

Hymn 554 *

Rock of ages (Tune: **Toplady**, Pilgrim Hymnal 358)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth

Joyful Singers

"Open the eyes of my heart"

OFFERING

Joyful Singers' medley

(Come forward and place offerings in the basket)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Receive these, our gifts, O God, as a sign of our belief in the presence of the risen Christ. We testify that all are included in your reign of justice and we send our gifts to your Church and into your world to do good and serve others. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see Notices overleaf)

Hymn 547 * What a friend we have in Jesus

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response Open our eyes:

to see things your way, Lord.

Solo

"The Lord's Prayer"

Hymn 512 *

To God be the glory

BLESSING

Joyful Singers "God be with you will we meet"

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: Justus Masa

Reader: Andrea Nieder Hagemann Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ) Music:

The Joyful Singers

> Our offering during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last Sunday's offering totalled € 352.43.

> After worship you are invited to the Kirchencafé next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.

> Diary for the week ahead:

Wed. 15 Apr.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church)

Fri. 17 Apr.: Joyful Singers 7 pm (Halls)

Sun. 19 Apr.: Worship 12.30 (Church) prepared and led by the Kids' Church team

> Special Notice: 26 April 2015, the 360th anniversary of the day the foundation stone of our church was laid in 1655, will be celebrated with joint worship (German-English) at **11 a.m**. – please note the earlier starting time. Fellowship and snack lunch afterwards in the halls and churchyard.

> Ecumenical Prayer Cycle for this week: Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan. More info 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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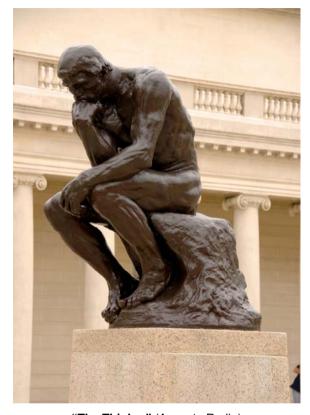
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"The Thinker" (Auguste Rodin)

Easter 2

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30