

Watchword for the Week

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.
(1 Corinthians 12:4-5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and OPENING RESPONSES (Psalm 36:5-9)

Lord, your constant love reaches the heavens;
your faithfulness extends to the skies.

**Your righteousness is as high as the mountains,
your justice as deep as the seas.**

How precious, O God, is your constant love!

**We find protection under
the shadow of your wings.**

We feast on the abundant food you provide;
**you let us drink from
the river of your goodness.**

You are the source of all life,
and because of your light, we see the light.

Hymn 336 *Christ is our light!*

PRAYER of APPROACH (Iona Community)

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
if we came to your house,
we would find the door open,
because there are no closing hours
for the hospitality of heaven.

**If we came to your house,
we would hear many accents,
ours just one among them,
for there is no favoured nation
in the Commonwealth of heaven.**

If we came to your house,
we would see people who never thought
they would be allowed in,
had entrance been by merit
rather than by your gracious invitation.

So, as we gather in Jesus' name,
let the characteristics you cherish become
evident in all we do and share together.

Gather into one
the glorious assortment of unlikes
which is your true church.

**Reveal within this community
what we must do,
what we must hear,
and who we must welcome
if we are to know Jesus among us.**

God, give us the grace
to surrender our presumptions
as to what we should be or do;
and then amend our lives
until we become the people you intended.
Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE (Psalms 133 & 134)

How good and how lovely it is
to live together in unity.

**Precious it is, like oil,
poured out to anoint the head.**

Unity is like the dew
falling on holy mountains.
**With it comes God's blessing:
life for evermore.**

Come, bless the Lord, your servants
fulfilling God's commands;
**love and praise your Maker,
the God of heaven and earth.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 204 * *I am the Church!*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

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| <i>I am the Church!</i> | (point to yourself) |
| <i>You are the Church!</i> | (point to neighbour) |
| <i>We are the Church together!</i> | (shake hands) |
| <i>All who follow Jesus</i> | (stretch out hands) |
| <i>all around the world,</i> | (circle with hands) |
| <i>yes, we're the Church together.</i> | (link arms) |

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may leave for their Kids' Church program)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *NT p. 216 (215)*

Hymn 620 * *Spirit of the living God*

St. John 2:1-11 *NT p. 118*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 510 * *Jesus calls us here to meet him*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 327 *Brightest and best of the sons*
(Hymn of the Month, January 2016 – Tune: Epiphany 638)
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**God of abundance and overflowing love,
we offer to you our gifts of money and of
ourselves. Use them and us to help people
feel and see and experience the amazing
fullness of your love for us. Like wine
overflowing from jars, may that love overflow
to touch and cheer the lives of others. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: God, send your Spirit;
renew the life of the earth.

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 622 *We sing a love...*

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:** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Daniel Masny
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 223.20.
- **Pledge cards:** throughout January, you can covenant your giving to the church for 2016 by completing a **pledge card** and putting it in the offering basket.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The World Council of Churches' **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week focuses on **Cyprus, Greece** and **Turkey**. For more details, visit: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Christian Unity Week**
January 18-25 daily at 19:30 hrs:
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – hosted by a different church every day (see details on the postcards available in church)
Sunday, 24 January at 12:30 hrs:
Christian Unity Sunday in English with Pastor Andrius Stakelis (Lithuania)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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*"Wine is constant proof
that God loves us and
loves to see us happy."*

Benjamin Franklin

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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