

Watchword for the Week

For now we see in a mirror, dimly,
but then we will see face to face.

(1 Corinthians 13:12)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

So we praise you for your faith in us;
even as we confess our lack of faith in you.

We praise you for your limitless love for the world; **even as we confess how much we limit that love.**

We praise you for your confidence that your people and your world can respond to your love; **even as we confess our limited hope, our limited faith, and our limited love.**

Take our limitations and transform us,
speak to us and through us today,
and make of us what you want for tomorrow.
May we be constantly amazed how you use us to be the answer to the prayers for your world! Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

The good news is that when we trust in God,
we will discover that the courage, love, and
strength God gives us enable us to do greater
things than we have ever known.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Chorus *This little light of mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine!*

*Jesus is the light; I'm going to let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine!*

*Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine!*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may leave for their Kids' Church program)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT p. 731 (732)

St. Luke 4:16-30 NT p. 79
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 509 *Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult*
(Tune: Galilee PH 322)

SERMON Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth

Hymn 257 * *Singing, we gladly worship the Lord*

OFFERING **Joyful Singers Medley**
Please bring your offerings forward and place them in the basket at the sanctuary steps.

DEDICATION PRAYER

Holy and loving God, doing your will and living out the ministry you give us can be scary. It's not just our gifts and offerings you ask of us – you ask everything: our lives, our attitudes, our actions, and our service. Take our lives and show us how to live as you have called us, that we may be faithful and serve you in our world. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord God, you call us;
Help us to follow.

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 251 * *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and OPENING RESPONSES
(Psalm 71:1-6)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
never let me be defeated.

**In your righteousness,
help me and rescue me.**

Listen to me and save me!

**Be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to protect me.**

For you are my refuge and defence.

Rescue me, my God, from the wicked,
from the power of those
who are unjust and cruel.

**Sovereign Lord, you are my hope,
I have trusted in you from my youth.**

**I have relied on you from my birth;
you took me from my mother's womb.**

I will always praise you!

Hymn 182 * *Now thank we all our God*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH & CONFESSION

Lord God, you are the God who calls us:
who calls us where we would rather not go;

who calls us to speak

when we would rather not speak;

who calls us to face

what we would rather not face.

Lord God, you are the God
whose love goes ahead of us;
whose judgement forges new ways; whose
voice creates and castigates and cares.

**When you call us, we are never prepared,
never equipped, never ready.**

But still you call us;

still you send us; still you depend on us.

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:**
 - Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth
 - Duty Elder:** Heike Hundekiker
 - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 276.36.
- **Pledge cards:** Today is the final opportunity to 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 **Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden**. For more details, visit our website: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
 - Wednesday, 3 February**
 - 6:00 pm **ECC Choir** practice in church
 - 7:00 pm **Joyful Singers** in the halls
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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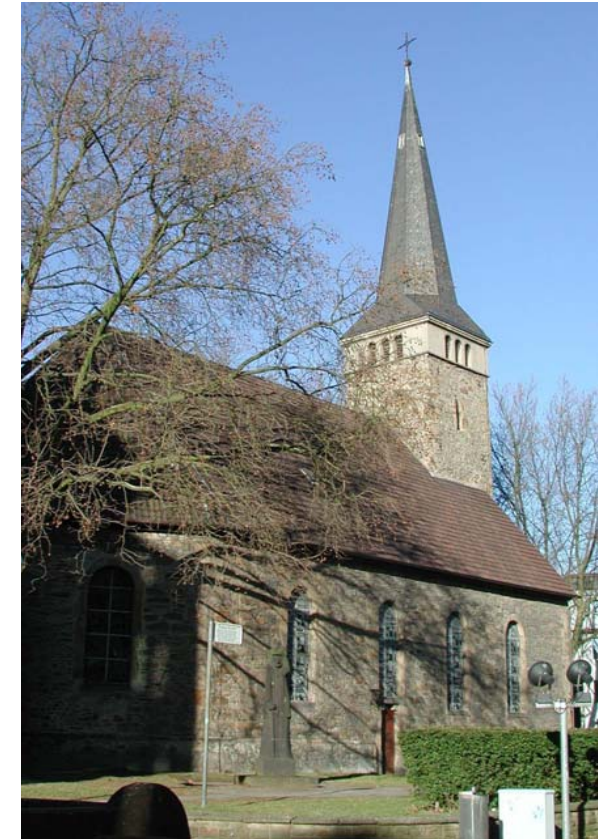
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"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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