

Watchword for the Week

Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

(2 Timothy 4:2)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 119:97-104)

How I love your law!

I think about it all day long

Your commandment is with me all the time and makes me wiser than my enemies.

I understand more than all my teachers, because I meditate on your instructions.

I have greater wisdom than those who are old, because I obey your commands.

I have avoided all evil conduct, because I want to obey your word.

I have not neglected your instructions, for you yourself are my teacher.

How sweet is the taste of your instructions – sweeter even than honey!

I gain wisdom from your laws, and so I hate all bad conduct.

Hymn 251 * *I, the Lord of sea and sky*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God, you call us to see and hear and understand; to open our eyes and ears and hearts; to be aware. Forgive us for our false pride and complacency, for our unthinking consumerism.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Forgive us for our insularity, for our reluctance to accept new ways.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Forgive us for our complaining, for growing bitter and sorry for ourselves, for becoming hardened and indifferent to the pain of others.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

God, make us aware; make us repentant. We turn to you; heal us of our privileged blindness, and make us whole. **Amen.**

Hymn 267

Blest be God for ever
(Hymn of the Month, October 2016)

WORDS of ASSURANCE (responsive)

In the midst of hunger and war,
we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.

In the midst of oppression and tyranny,
we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.

In the midst of doubt and despair,
we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.

In the midst of fear and betrayal,
we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

In the midst of hatred and death,
we celebrate the promise of love and life.

In the midst of sin and decay,
we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

In the midst of death on every side,
we celebrate the promise of the living Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name!
Keith Hampton

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:27-34 OT p. 767 (768)

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 NT p. 269 (268)

Hymn 779 * *Listen now for the gospel*

St. Luke 18:1-8 NT p. 103

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 720

There is a longing in our hearts
(Hymn of the Month, July 2016)

SERMON

Rev. Simon Elive Mokoko
(Azire Presbyterian Church, Bamenda, Cameroon)

Hymn 528 * *Make me a channel of your peace*

OFFERING

Joyful Singers Medley

Please bring your offerings forward and place them in the basket at the sanctuary steps.

DEDICATION PRAYER

Forgiven and freed, we live by love and in love bring our offerings to you, O God. Multiply these gifts to build justice, make community, spread hope and peace where there is little now. And so may Christ truly find faith on earth and in us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

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 146 * *From all that dwell below the skies*

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:**
 - Preacher:** Rev. Mokoko Simon Elive
Azire PC, Bamenda, Cameroon
 - Duty Elder:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Music:** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
ECC Choir / Dani Simanjuntak
Joyful Singers
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 320.51.
- After worship, you are invited to the **church halls** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship. *Today will be Pastor Mokoko's last Sunday with us before he travels on to Switzerland, and we rejoice at this final opportunity to share with him.*
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal**. For further information, visit our ECC website at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- The **ECC** is active on **social media** – please check out our profiles on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (addresses overleaf)
- **But**, please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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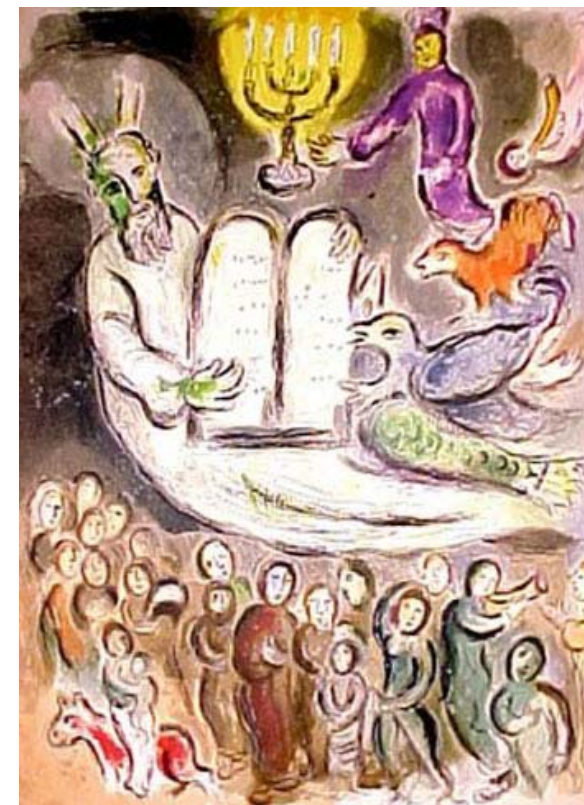
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Marc Chagall (1887-1985)
Moses and the Ten Commandments
(Oil on Canvas, 96 x 78 cm)

"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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