

Watchword for the Week

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians 3:11)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Psalm 119:33-40) ... the 5th letter = ה (He)

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;
then I will keep them to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I will keep
your law and obey it with all my heart.**

Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

**Turn my heart towards your statutes
and not towards selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
renew my life according to your word.

**Fulfil your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.**

Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.

**How I long for your precepts!
Renew my life in your righteousness.**

Hymn 212 * *Morning has broken*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Journeying God, you give us a map for our
journey with a road over the mountains
and a path beside the cool waters.

**You give us a map
with a road that leads to life.**

Forgive us when we turn aside from your way
when we prefer to take shortcuts,
when our eyes deceive us, and we are
taken in by the vanities of the world.

**Turn our hearts to you, we pray,
and away from temptation.**

Fill us with compassion
for our companions on the way.

Come to our aid
when we are weak,
**when we are weary,
when we lose our way.**

Wherever we walk, guide us;
wherever we walk, guard us,
for our heart's longing is for you,
and in your righteousness we find life.
Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God loves us and teaches us to love even
imperfect people like ourselves. **May we
therefore seek to love all those around us.**

God teaches us to deny ourselves, even walking
the extra mile with us. **May we therefore seek
to give ourselves to others as generously as
Jesus has been given to us. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leviticus 19:1-2 + 9-18 OT p. 118

Chorus * *Dependable, reliable God*
Dependable, reliable God. (2x)
**I will do as you say; you are worthy to be
praised, dependable, reliable God.**

St. Matthew 5:38-48 NT p. 8

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

Hymn 97 *

O God, you search me
(Hymn of the Month, February 2017)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 528 * *Make me a channel of your peace*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

In a world where many leave their homes to
seek a place of safety, **give us a spirit of
welcome and generosity.** In a world where
many suffer from violence, **give us the hearts
of peacemakers.** In a world where many live in
poverty, **open our hands to share. Open our
hearts to love friends and strangers, the
loving and the unkind, the angry and the
hurt, the suffering and the good. In Jesus'
name. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response (Hymn 805)

Lord of Creation, let your kingdom come!
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

The LORD'S PRAYER (French)

(Please use your preferred language for praying.)
English words at: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux, que ton nom
soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta
volonté soit faite, sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce
jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme
nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont
offensés. Et ne nous soumetts pas à la
tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la
puissance et la gloire pour les siècles des
siècles. Ainsi soit-il.**

Hymn 739 * *The Church's one foundation*

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:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Portugal, Spain, Italy** and the **Malta**. Link to WCC prayers via: www.ecc-bochum.de – To explore our sister churches in **Lisbon, Costa del Sol, Rome** and **Malta**, click on the **Churches** menu at <http://www.europepresbytery.net/>
- Join the **Reforma(c)tion 500** challenge to record **Das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten**. Ask Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>
- **What is the Bible?** Our next study group series **"Exploring the Bible"** begins on **Sunday, 5 March**. Course booklets are now available priced € 15 from Pastor Jimmy.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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7 after Epiphany

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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