

Watchword for the Week

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them! (Psalm 139:17)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(from Psalm 139 – New International Version Bible)

O LORD, you have searched me
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**You discern my going out and my lying
down; you are familiar with all my ways.**

Before a word is on my tongue,
you know it completely, O LORD.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.**

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

**See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Hymn 97 * *O God, you search me*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways,
and you give us to each other
to know and to love as we journey in this life.

**Show us your will for all creation.
Help us to listen to your urgings with
prayerful hearts so that we may honour
and rejoice in all that you have made.**

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us
fully as creatures in need of your constant care.
We confess that we have neither heard your word
nor followed your will. We have failed our nation,
neighbour, families, friends, and ourselves.

**Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us
so that we may begin again with renewed
strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS

God knows the hearts of those who seek
forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved.
In Jesus' name you are forgiven.
Your sins are no more. You have been made
clean. God strengthens you with freedom
through the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn 135 *O laughing Light*
(Hymn of the Month, January 2018)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1-10 *OT p. 267*

St. John 1:43-51 *NT p. 118*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 533 * *Will you come and follow me?*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 502 * *Take my life, Lord, let it be*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

*As the offerings are gathered, you are also invited,
if you wish, to fill out one of the "COVENANTING
for 2018" forms and place it in the basket.*

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of your
people given here. Enrich the ministries of
all your people and make us grateful for
every opportunity you offer us to share with
others and to celebrate your living presence
among us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS
Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The LORD'S PRAYER (Igbo, Nigeria)
English words: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

Nna anyi, no n' eli igwe
Ka ototo diri aha gi
Ka ochichi gi bia
Ka emee uche gi n'uwaa
Dika esi emeya n'eli igwe
Nye anyitaata, nri nke ubochi anyi
Gbaghara anyi mmehie anyi
Dika anyi siri gbaghara ndi mehieye anyi
Ekwele ka anyi daba na onwunwa
My zoputa anyi na ajo ihe. Amen.

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

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:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
 - Organist:** Adrian Hasameta
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 241.27.
- **Covenant pledges:** Throughout January, you can covenant your giving to the church for 2018 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.
- Also after worship today, old and new members of the **Kids' Church Team** are invited for a brief planning meeting.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Worship on 21 January Christian Unity Sunday** with guest preacher Rev Emmanuel Mote Ndasah (Presbyterian Church of Cameroon) and 1-year laying-off of mourning by ECC member Celine Hoffmann.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Epiphany 2

"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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