

Watchword for the Week

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practise it have a good understanding.
(Psalm 111:10) (Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(based on Psalm 111)

Come! Let us give thanks
to the LORD with whole hearts.
Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One
whose wonders are to be remembered.
Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

The LORD feeds the righteous with truth.
Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.
Come! Let us give thanks to God.

Hymn 111 * *Holy, holy, holy!*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

God of creation, God of love, God of justice,
you made us, you know us, you hear us.

**You created us to be agents of peace;
you created us to be purveyors of justice;
you created us to share your love with others.**

You know that our lives do not always mirror
this; you know that we sometimes let
opportunities pass us by; you know that we
sometimes keep your good news to ourselves.
**In words of grace you forgive us of living a
life that does not speak of your reign.**

Hear us when we confess
that our living is not always balanced;
may you rejoice with us when it is.

Hear us when we confess
that our loving is not always made known;
may you rejoice with us when it is.

May we find your authority
in the way Jesus lived.
May we live in his Spirit,
and bring about the justice you call for.

As we confess our sin,
we seek your forgiveness.

Hymn 776 * *Kyrie eleison*

God of creation, God of love, God of justice,
you made us, you know us, you hear us.
**Be with us now as we dedicate ourselves
once more to your way and to your reign.
Amen.**

DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS

The God who made you and knows your every
thought hears you now and forgives you all your
sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus
Christ, God's Son, our Saviour, who is Alpha and
Omega, all in all. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 351 * *Jesus hands were kind hands*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 *NT p. 212*

Hymn 779 * *Listen now for the Gospel*

St. Mark 1:21-28 *NT p. 46*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

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

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 710 * *'I have a dream', a man once said*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

You are invited to make use of this final
opportunity to fill out one of the "COVENANTING
for 2018" forms and place it in the offering basket
as it is passed around.

DEDICATION PRAYER

(Source: PC Cameroon Book of Divine Services)

**Lord of all goodness, all things come from
you, and of them we give to you. Therefore,
our God, accept us, your servants, and these
our offerings which we bring in devotion to
your holy name, and give us grace evermore
to serve you with gladness of heart; through
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Holy God,
may your will be done.

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

**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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 113 * *God the Father of Creation*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Food is maybe the only universal thing that
has the power to bring everyone together.
No matter what culture, everywhere around
the world, people get together to eat.

Guy Fieri (American restaurant owner)

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:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Reader:** Andrea Nieder Hagemann
 - Organ:** Adrian Hasameta
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 470.02.
- **Covenant pledges:** Today there is a final opportunity to covenant giving for 2018 by completing a **pledge card** and putting it in the offering basket as it is passed round.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway** and **Sweden**. Link to prayers and info from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- You are also invited to **pray this week** for:
 - ♦ **St. Columba's Church, Budapest**, its minister Rev. Aaron Stevens and Elder Eva Boros (<http://www.scottishmission.org/>)
 - ♦ The **music ministry** of our congregation: *ECC Choir singers and Dani Simanjuntak, the Joyful Singers led by Cynthia & Joyce, Ingeborg Maiwald and our guest organists*
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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English-speaking Christian Congregation
Bochum, Germany

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4th Sunday after
Epiphany

"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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