

### Watchword for the Week

For we do not proclaim ourselves;  
we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord  
and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.  
(2 Corinthians 4:5)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

When our spirits are lifted high and our world is dazzling white, brimming with newness and potential – Christ who inspires,  
**you are here to transfigure us.**

When our spirits are weighed down and our world is heavy with failure and confusion, Christ who inspires,  
**you are here to transfigure us.**

Christ of all, forgive us when we'd rather be transported out of hard times,  
when we'd rather be transferred to a calling more suited to our taste.

Christ of all,  
**you are here to transfigure us.**

When we are transfixed by things, turn us round and introduce us to each other again.

You are here to bring us together as your body and send us out to love the world back to life. Repentance means to turn around and do things differently. **Turn us round, God, and set us straight. Amen.**

**Hymn 357 \*** *This is my will, my new command*  
(Hymn of the Month, February 2018)

### DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, receive the good news: the light of Christ shines in our darkness, to bring light and life to all. By the gift of Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 NT p. 225 (224)

St. Mark 9:2-9 NT p. 57  
People may stand for the Gospel reading.  
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

### Hymn 336

(Hymn of the Month, January 2017)

*Christ is our light!*

### SERMON

Rev. James Brown

### Hymn 543 \*

(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

*Christ, be our light!*

### DEDICATION PRAYER

(Source: PC Cameroon Book of Divine Services)

**Lord our Maker, from you comes all that we have and all that we are. Accept these our gifts as a sign of our gratitude for your life-giving word and for all the mercies you have shown to us. Bless our offerings for the welfare of your people for whom your Son gave his life. Take even our lives, and let them be wholly dedicated to your service; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, by your Spirit,  
**grant what we ask.**

### 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 112 \*

*God, whose almighty word*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 50:1-6 – New International Version)

The Mighty One, God, the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.  
**God shines forth from Mount Zion,  
perfect in beauty.**

Our God comes and will not be silent;  
a fire devours before him,  
and around him a tempest rages.

**He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

“Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

**And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

**Hymn 137 (1) \*** *All things bright and beautiful*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

God of light and love,  
forgive us when we simply do not believe in your better world enough to invest ourselves in it, when we are so afraid of the dark that we hide under cover rather than venture towards the light.

**Forgive us when we do not shelter each other, but leave the most fragile to fend for themselves.**

God of all, including what is yet to be,  
give us courage to use our gifts for your good.

**If we do that, the best is yet to come,  
so come and change 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:**  
**Duty elder:** Eric Obimdi  
**Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 185.43.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- A **Kids' Church Team** planning meeting will be held after worship in the Youth Cellar.
- **Azire Partnership** pledge letters to assist our partners' multi-purpose hall project are available from Derick Fonjong of the Council.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Belgium, Luxembourg** and the **Netherlands**. Link to prayers and information via: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- You are also invited to **pray this week** for:
  - ♦ The **Costa del Sol Congregation** in Fuengirola, Spain; Minister Ewen Maclean (Gibraltar); Elder: Lillias Macfarlane (<http://www.churchofscotlandcostadelsol.eu/>)
  - ♦ The **Youth and Young Adults** of the ECC, including Almandine, Angela, and Caroline, who will be travelling next weekend to Lausanne, Switzerland, to attend the International Youth Presbytery.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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## Transfiguration

**"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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