

**Watchword for the Week**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
(Psalm 25:8)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

Merciful God, you made your covenant  
with Noah and all the Earth – a promise  
that you will always keep.

**Here, in your presence, we acknowledge  
that we do not always keep our promises.**

It is tempting to take the easy way out, instead  
of doing the hard work of following you.

**It is tempting to live in the way of the world,  
instead of living lives modelled on your  
steadfast love for all people.**

It is tempting to think we have all the answers,  
instead of trusting in you.

**Forgive us for the times we give in to  
temptation and turn away from you.  
Lead us in your way, O God. Amen.**

DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS

God's bow has been hung in the clouds – a  
unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin. God  
remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love,  
even when we are unfaithful.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 143 \*

*Who put the colours  
in the rainbow?*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Genesis 9:8-17 OT p. 10

St. Mark 1:9-15 NT p. 46

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

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

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 338** *Jesus, tempted in the desert*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

(Source: PC Cameroon Book of Divine Services)

**God our Saviour, we pray you, accept and  
bless these our offerings for the spreading  
of your gospel, and increase in us the spirit  
of giving for the glory of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See Notices overleaf)*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: With you, our God,  
**all things are possible.**

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 739 \*** *The Church's one foundation*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 25 – New International Version)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
in you I trust, O my God.

**No-one whose hope is in you  
will ever be put to shame.**

Show me your ways, O LORD,  
teach me your paths;  
**guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Saviour,  
and my hope is in you all day long.**

Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
**remember, O LORD, your great mercy and  
love, for they are from of old.**

Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
**He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.**

**Hymn 153 \*** *Great is thy faithfulness*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

When life is wonderful,  
**you are there, O God.**

When life is unpredictable,  
**you are there, O God.**

When our hearts are full of joy,  
**you are there, O God.**

When our hearts are heavy from the cares  
of the world, **you are there, O God.**

You are here with us, O God,  
**with us in our time of worship.**

# 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:** Heike Hundeiker  
**Reader:** Daniel Wiedner
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 190.45.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **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 **Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain**. (We have sister congregations in all four of these countries.) 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 **Church of Scotland, Geneva**, which worships in the historic *Auditoire de Calvin*; its Minister Rev Lawrence Twaddle and its Presbytery Elder Dr. Mary Couper (<http://www.churchofscotlandgeneva.com/>)
  - ♦ The "parent" denominations of our ECC, the **United Church of Christ** (USA) and the **Church of Scotland**; More information at: <http://www.ucc.org/> and [http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about\\_us](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about_us)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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## Lent 1

**"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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