

Watchword for the Week

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
(Psalm 27:1)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on verses from Psalm 27)

Light of the world, shine in our darkness.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
I trust in God. Whom shall I fear?

Saviour of the world, come into our hearts.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

There is much we should fear
if we faced this day alone.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
I trust in God. Whom shall I fear?

But you, O Lord, are with us.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Hymn 162 *The God of Abraham praise*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

We look to the stars, the billions of stars in our heavens. Holy God, how can we do anything but wonder in amazement, and count ourselves as both divinely blessed and minutely insignificant, at once. Your mystery is painted over our skies like thousands of pinpoints of history. Our story seems so small, and yet we know you have been with us for every breath and step of it.

Help us to be opened by this sight.
Help us to be transformed
by the glory of your eternity on display.

Show us how to lift our sights
beyond our fears and our assumptions.
Strengthen our spirits as we
journey together through Lent. Amen.

Hymn 9 * v. 1, 4-6 *O God, my refuge*
(Hymn of the Month, March 2019)

WORDS of ASSURANCE (Psalm 27:1)

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. **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 15 1-12, 17-18 OT p. 15

ECC Choir *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

St. Luke 13:31-35 NT p. 98
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 539 * *I want Jesus to walk with me*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 83 * *I rejoiced when I heard them say*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

O God, we have beheld your goodness to us.
Accept the offering of the work of our hands,
and use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ECC Choir *My Life is in Your Hands*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

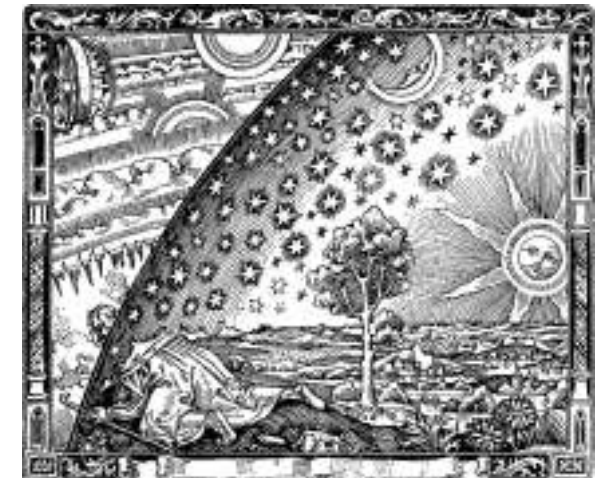
Solo *You are the reason*

ANNOUNCEMENTS See Notices overleaf

ECC Choir *An Irish Blessing*

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May the sun make your days bright,
may the stars illuminate your nights.
May the flowers bloom along your path,
your house stand firm against the storm.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.



Un minuscule au moyen âge raconte qu'il avait trouvé le point où le ciel et la Terre se touchent...

Notices

- **“All are welcome in this place.”** *It's good you're here!* If you wish to be kept up-to-date with events via the **ECC News**, please add your name and postal or e-mail address to the book at the church entrance.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
 - Music:** Dani Simanjuntak (Organ)
ECC Choir
Charlotte Kreimer (Solo)
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 185.90.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for our coffee hour with tea, coffee, (home baking) and continued fellowship.
- **Lenten Conversations:**
 - Session 3: Tuesday 19 March:**
 - Topic:** *Wedding at Cana* (John 2:1-12)
 - Venue:** Dehling family, Umlandstraße 60
 - All sessions begin at 19:30 hrs (7.30 p.m.)
- **Choir Singers Wanted!** Dani Simanjuntak will be meeting with singers and potential singers in the church halls after worship!
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Estonia, Latvia** and **Lithuania**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



Oh God, we don't know what lies ahead.
Therefore stay with us, so that we may
stay in you and confess your name
to the end. (Prayer from Estonia)



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Lent 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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