



English-speaking Christian Congregation, Bochum

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(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 CEST on Sunday.)

PRELUDE: “Baba Yetu” / “Our Father” (Gospel Choir, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end. (Lamentations 3:22)

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(Verses from Lamentations 3:22-33 – responses in bold-face italics)

The LORD’s unfailing love and mercy still continue,
fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.

The LORD is all I have, and so I put my hope in him.

The LORD is good to everyone who trusts in him,
so it is best for us to wait in patience –
to wait for him to save us.

The LORD is merciful and will not reject us for ever.

The LORD may bring us sorrow,
but his love for us is sure and strong.

***The Lord’s unfailing love and mercy still continue,
fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.***

HYMN *Morning has broken* (Church Hymnary 212)

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise fore the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 (GNB Old Testament, page 298)

¹ After Saul's death David came back from his victory over the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag for two days.

¹⁷ David sang this lament for Saul and his son Jonathan, ¹⁸ and ordered it to be taught to the people of Judah. (It is recorded in *The book of Jashar*.)

¹⁹ "On the hills of Israel our leaders are dead!
The bravest of our soldiers have fallen!

²⁰ Do not announce it in Gath
or in the streets of Ashkelon.

Do not make the women of Philistia glad;
do not let the daughters of pagans rejoice.

²¹ "May no rain or dew fall on Gilboa's hills;
may its fields be always barren!
For the shields of the brave lie there in disgrace;
the shield of Saul is no longer polished with oil.

²² Jonathan's bow was deadly,
the sword of Saul was merciless,
striking down the mighty, killing the enemy.

²³ "Saul and Jonathan, so wonderful and dear;
together in life, together in death;
swifter than eagles, stronger than lions.

²⁴ "Women of Israel, mourn for Saul!
He clothed you in rich scarlet dresses
and adorned you with jewels and gold.

²⁵ "The brave soldiers have fallen,
they were killed in battle.
Jonathan lies dead in the hills.

²⁶ "I grieve for you, my brother Jonathan;
how dear you were to me!

How wonderful was your love for me,
better even than the love of women.

²⁷ “The brave soldiers have fallen,
their weapons abandoned and useless.”

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

HYMN *When the storms of life are raging* (Church Hymnary 570)

- 1 When the storms of life are raging, stand by me. [*repeat line*]
When the world is tossing me,
like a ship upon the sea,
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.
- 2 In the midst of tribulation, stand by me. [*repeat line*]
When the hosts of hell assail,
and my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.
- 3 In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. [*repeat line*]
When I do the best I can,
and my friends don't understand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.
- 4 In the midst of persecution, stand by me. [*repeat line*]
When my foes in battle array
undertake to stop my way,
Thou who savest Paul and Silas, stand by me.
- 5 When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. [*repeat line*]
When my life becomes a burden
and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O, Thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

REFLECTION Revd Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah

HYMN *I need thee every hour* (Church Hymnary 556)

- 1 I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice but thine can peace afford.
*I need thee, oh, I need thee,
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour,
I come to thee.*
- 2 I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
- 3 I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

- 4 I need thee every hour, teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfil.
- 5 I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;
Oh, make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

NOTICES & PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your 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 *Lord, make us servants of your peace* (Church Hymnary 527)

- 1 Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.
- 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.
- 3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.
- 4 May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.
- 5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace
to wake at last in heaven's day.

BLESSING (spoken in unison)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Kenyan Boys Choir (Flash Mob Performance, Ottawa Airport)

NOTICES

Welcome to our digital English-language worship from Bochum, Germany, on the digital platform Zoom! We go live every Sunday at ca. 12:15 hrs CET for a 12:30 hrs start. Meeting ID: **814 8465 3256**, Passcode: **947371**.

- For **data protection** reasons, please don't record any part of worship. Hymn and reflection videos will be posted for viewing on the ECC website (ecc-bochum.de).
- **In-person / gathered worship** will resume next Sunday, 4th July at the usual time of 12.30 in the Pauluskirche. Congregational singing is sadly still not possible, but solo musical contributions are planned. The usual hygiene measures will apply – distance, masks, tracing information. Some of our technical experts are working on a solution so the worship can be streamed live on the internet for those who can't or prefer not to attend in person. Further information will be sent out next week.
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021 continues, supported in a Zoom group. Contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or [sebastian.stuwe\(at\)mailbox.org](mailto:sebastian.stuwe(at)mailbox.org)



A **six-week study series** starts mid-July: Gardening, Sabbath, Jubilee, Picnics & BBQs, Family Feasts, Survival Tours ... What are some of the things we do on holiday or during the vacations? What different cultural understandings of “taking a break” did we grow up with? What constitutes recreation for you? For me? What do the cultures reflected in the Bible have to tell us about rest and recreation? More information from Pastor Jimmy. Dates and venue still to be finalised.

- **Church Council members** please note that a Council meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday, 1st July, in the Upstairs Hall, Pariser Straße 4-6 from 19-21 hrs. A Zoom link option will be available for those who prefer to attend digitally.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on Kenya and Tanzania: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/kenya-tanzania>
- **Online worship resources** by various churches, including the UCC, the Church of Scotland and others, are on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>

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Friends Forever

David and Jonathan are Friends (1 Samuel 18-20)

When David was serving King Saul, he became good friends with Saul's son, Jonathan. David and Jonathan were such good friends that when Saul decided to try to kill David, Jonathan warned David so he could get away.

To find out what Jonathan said to David, go around the path twice. First, put every letter in a circle on the lines below. Then go back and use every letter in a box.



Other children's resources at: <https://sermons4kids.com/>