

Watchword for the Week

God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine."
(Isaiah 43:1)

PRELUDE

Highland Cathedral

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine for your light has come.

All: *The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.*

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory!

All: *Proclaim God's praise among the nations!*

Leader: God makes Himself known, heard,
and available.

All: *We worship Him together.*

Hymn 336

Christ is our light!

PRAYER of CONFESSION

WORDS of ASSURANCE

This is the good news: Christ is the Light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. As certain as the dawn follows the night so is the promise of God's forgiveness for us all.

Arise and shine as we welcome you with the Peace of our Lord.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Choir

Brother James' air (James L.M. Bain)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7

OT p. 706

St. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

NT p. 77

Hymn 191

Do not be afraid

SERMON

"One small step for Jesus"

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 237

Look forward in faith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music *Dark island/Skye boat song/Amazing grace
(Offerings are brought forward)*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)*
(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 555

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

THANKSGIVING and SENDING

Minister: I thank the members of this English-speaking Christian Congregation for the love, the kindness, and the support shown to me during my active ministry among you. I ask forgiveness for the ways I may have disappointed you. I am grateful for the ways my ministry has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have shared with you here.

**All: *We receive your thankfulness.
We offer you our forgiveness and gratitude, accepting that you now leave to retire.
We also ask forgiveness
for any troubles we have caused you,
and celebrate with joy the time
you spent among us. Your influence
on our faith and faithfulness
will remain with us
long after you retire.***

Minister: I accept your gratitude and offer you my forgiveness, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Leader: People of God, members of the ECC,
do you now release the Reverend
James Brown from service as your pastor?

All: *We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.*

Leader: Do you offer encouragement for his life
and ministry as it unfolds in his retirement?

All: *We do, with God's help.*

Leader: Pastor Jimmy, do you recognize
and accept the completion
of your ministry with the ECC?

Minister: I do, and I give thanks to God
for our ministry together.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement and
support for the continued ministry here?

Minister: I do, with God's help.

All: *We will hold you in our prayers as you retire. We pledge our support and love to you and wish you God's blessing.*

PRAYER and ADDRESS

Hymn

Blest be the dear uniting love

1. Blest be the dear uniting love,
That will not let us part!
Our bodies may far off remove,
We still are one in heart.
Joined in one spirit to our Head,
Where He appoints we go;
And still in Jesus' footsteps tread,
And show His praise below.
2. O may we ever walk in Him
And nothing know beside;
Nothing desire, nothing esteem,
But Jesus crucified.
While thus we walk with Christ in light
Who shall our souls disjoin,
Souls, which Himself vouchsafes t' unite
In fellowship divine!
3. Partakers of the Saviour's grace,
The same in mind and heart,
Nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,
Nor life, nor death can part.
But let us hasten to the day
which shall our flesh restore,
When death shall all be done away,
And bodies part no more!

BENEDICTION

Choir *An Irish blessing (James E. Moore)*

POSTLUDE *Auld lang syne*

Notices

➤ **All are welcome in this place.** *It's good you're here!* Please add your name and e-mail or postal address to the book at the back of church to receive details of upcoming events.

➤ Today's worship team:

Preacher: Rev. James Brown
Duty elder: Herold Dehling
Liturgist: Rev. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah
Reader: Dirk Erlenkämper
Pastor emeritus: Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth
EKvW clergy: Rev. Diana Klöpper
Music: Hendrik Ziser (organ)
Björn Frauendienst (bagpipes)
ECC Choir

➤ Please join us after worship (note: 2G rules still apply) for continued fellowship and the chance to share memories of Pastor Jimmy's ministry here. There will be musical offerings by Charlotte Kreimer and by the ECC choir.

➤ On **Sunday, 16 January**, we will celebrate the installation of our congregation's two new pastors, Rev. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah and Rev. Dr. Anja Stuckenberg.

➤ The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Iran, Iraq, and Syria**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de

➤ Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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"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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