

The English Community Outreach Project
Protestant Deanery of Wiesbaden in the Bergkirche
July 2, 2023



“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in the Lord.”

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! We are glad you are here with us. Here are a few things to help orient you during the service.

- Hymnals are available at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- In the bulletin, items marked with a star* indicate that you may stand in body or spirit, as you are able. During the Prayers of the People, please remain seated until you are invited you to stand for the Lord’s Prayer.
- Wenn Sie eine deutsche Übersetzung der Predigt wünschen, finden Sie einige Exemplare auf dem Tisch am Eingang.
- **Today’s service is lead by Lydia Jost**, a theology student who has studied in Berlin and Heidelberg. She is a member of the Synode, the highest body of the church in Baden. She also did a practicum in Oklahoma City, working with Rev. Dr. Lori Walke at the Mayflower Congregational UCC, to gain more experience in how to be a pastor, and in building congregations and faith spaces.

Musical Prelude

Greeting and Invocation: We gather today in the love of God, the compassion of Jesus, our Christ, and of the Holy Spirit – Amen.

***Opening Song** *We Have Come to Join in Worship* **Worship and Rejoice #647**

Psalm 34

*I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.*

***I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.***

*Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.*

***I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.***

*Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.*

***This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.***

*The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.*

***The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.***

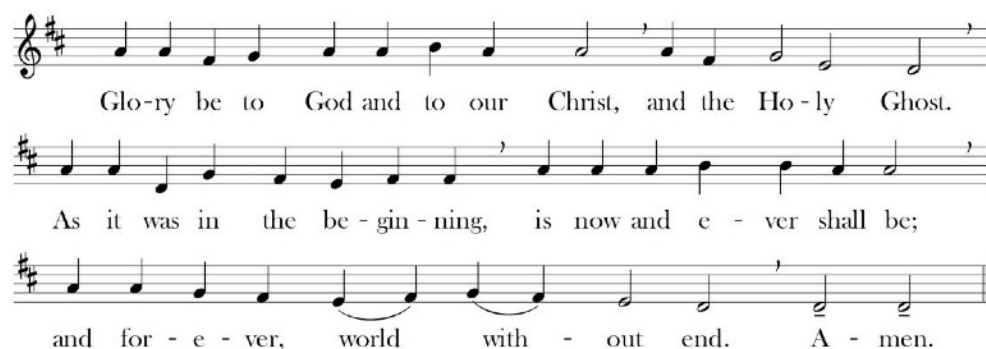
*The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

***The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the LORD delivers him from them all;***

*he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.*

***The LORD will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.***

Come let us worship



Choir

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie eleison.

♪ *Lord have mercy.*

Christe eleison,

♪ *Christ have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison.

♪ *Lord have mercy upon us.*

Absolution

Glory be to God in the highest.

♪ *And peace on the earth, good will to all the people.*

The Lord be with you.

♪ *And also with you.*

Prayer: ... through Jesus Christ our brother and guide. ♪ *Amen*

Scripture: Luke 6:36-42—

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Reader: Blessed are they who hear and keep God’s Word; Hallelujah!

Choir

Sermon

Lydia Jost

Choir

Prayers of the People and the *Lord’s Prayer -You are invited to say the Lord’s prayer in whatever language or translation is most familiar or comfortable for you. If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you may read the following words:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

*Sending Song

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

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*Benediction



Postlude

Technology: Jörg Müller Organ: Christian Pfeiffer Choir Director: Rhodri Britton Choir: Sometimes Angels Pick Up Choir

Donations placed in the plate near the exit will be used to support this ministry, the English Community Outreach Project.

First Sunday: Worship at the Bergkirche and Livestream at 10AM
First and Third Sunday: Bible Study at 11:15AM (On break for the summer)
Fourth Sunday: Walking Church at 11:15AM (location announced via email)
Fourth or First Thursday: Choir rehearsal at 8PM

For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Rev. Hannah Cranbury. For choir information, contact Rhodri at rhodribritton@t-online.de.

Fundraising Update

We are a ministry that can only exist because of the generosity of those who attend. If you feel moved to financially support this ministry, you may give an offering as you exit the church at the end of the service or make a transfer to the following account:

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