

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him." - Psalm 68:4

Dear Friends,

I pray you are all healthy in Heart, Mind, and Spirit! May God bless you with love, joy, and pleasant weather all week!

I photographed this handsome fellow at the John Wesley's New Room Museum in Bristol last year. He stands just outside the entrance. Ironically, this is NOT John Wesley! It's his younger brother Charles! He made his home in Bristol and authored thousands of poems and hymns extolling God in Christ after the Methodist fashion.

This Sunday we begin a series of sermons in a way I haven't yet explored: focusing on one of Charles Wesley's hymns each week. The song and poetry of early Methodism can teach us all about our theology and mission as a Church. In many of Wesley's hymns, he outlines the Divine-Human relationship, our need for salvation in Our Self-giving Savior, and the joy of living as a new creation among a Family of God.

When we join our voices, and sing the songs we've inherited, we can learn so much about living faithfully! But even more than this, we join our voices with all of our brothers and sisters in faith around the world - including the faithful who lived before us, and all who come after. We join in a timeless melody of faith, hope, love, and eternal life in our Lord and Savior.

I pray you will join us for the next six Sundays as we explore just a few of Charles Wesley's Greatest Hits! Let's sing our faith together!

"May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance." - Jude Anil

