



Happy New Year! As we have talked about, our focus in worship for the first half of 2018 will be on our Wesleyan heritage. That is a broad statement. After all, John Wesley wrote a lot, and yet he never wrote a systematic theology. What that means then, is that when we say “Wesleyan” we are picking and choosing from a number of sources to create a theological tradition, that was built upon a number of traditions. In other words, as Richard Heitzenrater observed after his study of Wesley’s journals, Mr. Wesley was, and still remains, elusive.

What we do know with certainty, is that John Wesley devoted his life to serving and following Christ. Sometimes he brooded over this, sometimes he rejoiced in this, and sometimes he was mystified by this. Nonetheless, Wesley knew “whose” he was, and that clarity allowed him to seek and serve God in seasons of doubt and faith.

As we begin our journey through 2018, the guiding theme for worship comes from a good Charles Wesley hymn: “Come Let us Use the Grace Divine.” Today, we will focus on the story of the Epiphany, the journey of the Magi, and the invitation that their story offers us to seek and serve Christ ourselves.

Thank you so much for worshipping with us today, and I do hope that the grace you need in your life will be offered to you this day through the Holy spirit.

With Joy,
Scott

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SERMON SERIES

“COME, LET US USE THE GRACE DIVINE”

“SPRING 2018 MINISTRY FOCUS” CREDO

In January we will be having an all-church retreat at Sacramento Methodist Assembly. This retreat is for all ages and will have corresponding curriculum. In some ways this retreat is like a confirmation retreat, or maybe a confirmation refresher retreat. In addition to learning a lot about our church heritage, there will be time for worship, enjoying camp, and having a great time in fellowship. The dates are January 12-15.

During Lent of 2018 Central will offer a number of small group and Bible study opportunities to dig deeper into the life of John Wesley, The United Methodist Church, and our ministry. Each Sunday worship service will have something to do with Wesley as we journey through Lent to Easter.

Finally, in May, Central is embarking on a 10-day trip to England to experience the historic birthplace of John Wesley, and what would become the Methodist movement. This trip will be an exciting and faith-growing adventure.

For more information and registration materials, please contact Pastor Kelly at kellyb@centraltolife.org

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