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# Marion weekly update

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*"Connecting people with Jesus Christ so all can experience his love and joy."*



Sermon: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Revelation 4: 9-11, Revelation 19: 11-12, 16

Greetings! This week I am handling a family emergency. As such, the sermon write up from Sunday isn't going to be typical. I'll get it out eventually as I believe the content to be meaningful. For now, allow me to simply distill the message down. The hymn unpacked was All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name. This is an unflinching song of praise and adoration of Christ. In order to sing it properly, we must assume an attitude of genuine and radical humility before God. It's not about us, it's about Christ. Period. In assuming this perspective, we also must realize that our life and living have no other option than striving to come into line with the example of Jesus. Not the Jesus of opinion and such, the authentic Jesus of the gospels. One of the major issues of modern Christianity is that there are loud voices that have removed from the genuine love, kindness, healing, and grace of Christ. The hate and bitterness offered by far too many "Christians" has given the faith a black eye, and many folk understandably do not want to ascribe to a faith that is laced with judgement and bigotry. This informs our task. Our task is to demonstrate what the love of Christ looks like, We must reclaim the label "Christian" in such a way that people upon hearing it are moved to wonder and are persuaded that what it means is life, love, and welcome. When we do this, we truly echo the sentiment of this hymn. We hail and embrace the power of the name of Jesus. And the world is changed as a result.

-Pastor Brent

