



Miracles Everywhere

Sermon Series

Week 1 | Shift

Scripture: Psalm 77:14 (NIV)

Throughout scripture and in our own lives, God is always at work. A miracle doesn't have to be a huge moment; we can shift our perspective to see that miracles are happening all around us. This week we'll strive to open our minds and hearts, shifting our perspective to see the small miracles which are everywhere.

Call to Worship:

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, we praise You for always being at work in our lives and our world. Open our minds and hearts this day so our limited perspectives may shift to see the miracles happening all around us.

We pray expectantly this morning, with an attitude of thankfulness, believing You are with us and that You will do great things among us and through us.

Starting now, may we become active participants in your miracles. You are on the move, doing a new thing, and we believe the best is yet to come.

In the name of Jesus we pray assuredly. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Blessed Assurance, United Methodist Hymnal #369

Be Thou My Vision, UMH #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See, UMH #454

Trust and Obey, UMH #467

Music Suggestions (Contemporary and Global):

Great Are You Lord, CCLI # 6460220

Build Your Kingdom Here, CCLI # 6186078

Cuando el Pueblo/When God's People, Jorge Lockward

All Around, Eric Drew www.ericdrewmusic.com/free-resources



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Week 2 | Unbelievable

Scripture: John 11:38-45

God has the power to show up in BIG ways. In scripture we read about blind eyes given sight, faith moving mountains and even raising the dead. Miracles evoke wonder by demonstrating God's power and pointing to God's work in the world. In every age, God has been at work in the world healing and transforming lives.

Call to Worship:

Worthy of praise from every mouth,
worthy of confession from every tongue,
worthy of worship from every creature,
is your glorious name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For you created the world in your grace,
and by your compassion you saved the world.

To your majesty, O God, ten thousand times ten thousand bow down and adore,
singing and praising without ceasing, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of your praises. Hosanna in the highest.

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, we are coming to You this morning expecting You to show up in big ways, in our lives, our communities, and our world. You are at work in the world healing and transforming, using all things for our good and Your glory, even when we don't see it at the time.

Give us the ability to provide You elbow room to beak in at any moment. Let us not expect You to come in a particular way, but may we expect You to come. With You all things are possible. Let us rest on Your faithfulness and have the courage to believe Your miracles.

In the name of Christ we pray all things assuredly. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

How Great Thou Art, United Methodist Hymnal #77
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, UMH #154
Surely the Presence, UMH #328
Victory in Jesus, UMH #370

Music Suggestions (Contemporary and Global):

Break Every Chain, Will Reagan and Tasha Cobbs, CCLI # 5910977
What a Beautiful Name, Reuben Morgan, CCLI # 7068424
Our God, Chris Tomlin, CCLI # 5677416
Unstoppable God, Chris Brown, CCLI # 7011436
Great I Am, Jared Anderson, CCLI # 5881491



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Week 3 | Courage

Scripture: Esther 8:1-8

Through Esther's courage, she became the miracle and saved her people. Our faith that God is present and continues to move gives us courage; and when we are courageous God will do great things through us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the congregation, the body of Christ, is the primary actor to release the power of God to transform lives and the community (1 Corinthians 12:27). We're an actor in God's play.

Call to Worship:

Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

God has called each of us before we were even born.

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.

Let's shine God's love into all the world!

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, give us the courage to live into Your miracles. Grant us the faith to be obedient to Your guiding, and embolden us with the wisdom to see from Your perspective.

In the name of Christ we pray all things assuredly. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

O God Our Help in Ages Past, United Methodist Hymnal #117

Standing on the Promises, UMH #374

Jesus, Thine all Victorious Love, UMH #422

We Shall Overcome, UMH #533

Be Still, My Soul: The Lord is on Your Side UMH #534

Music Suggestions (Contemporary and Global):

The Lion and the Lamb, Leeland, CCLI # 7038281

Christ is Enough, Reuben Morgan, CCLI # 6514035

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest), Kari Jobe, CCLI # 6534077

We Will Be Bold, Eric Drew

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Week 4 | Tangible

Scripture: Mark 8:22-25

God is creating signs and wonders in GNJ and there is even more God wants to do. God wants to continue working through the United Methodists of Greater New Jersey so that miracles of healing and transformation occur across GNJ and around the world.

Call to Worship:

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

We are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, may Your power move from invisible to visible so we may touch, feel, see and hear Your miracles in our midst. As receivers, givers, participants, or witnesses, may we ourselves be a part of them. In the power of Christ we pray. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

O Jesus, I Have Promised, UMH #396
Take My Life and Let it Be, United Methodist Hymnal #399
Make Me a Captive, Lord, UMH #421
Here I Am, Lord, UMH #593

Music Suggestions Contemporary and Global:

Quando el Pueblo/When God’s People, Jorge Lockward
Cornerstone, Jonas Myrin, CCLI # 6158927
Open Up the Heavens, Meredith Andrews, CCLI # 6304702
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail), Joel Houston, CCLI # 6428767



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