



Order of Worship 31 December 2023 First Sunday of Christmas

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Seated Sermon: "Seated in Possibility"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology Blessing and Sending

> *Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen*



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Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- How would you describe how you're feeling as you approach a new year? What hopes and dreams do you carry with you? Are you afraid to express those because you're afraid of being disappointed?
- 2. Big or small, have you ever witnessed a miracle?
- 3. Have disappointments and unmet expectations ever caused you to stop believing in God's activity or that change, recovery, healing, and new beginnings are possible? Why?
- 4. Do you resonate with the man in the story? What would it look like for you to be honest with God?
- 5. Looking at the future and the new year ahead, what posture will you choose to take- especially in the things that will carry over from last year? Will you believe and live as if you believe God will show up?



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Like A Child "Sitting in Possibility" Pastor Kris Beckert

Do you believe in miracles?

Mark 9:17-23 A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." ¹⁹ "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." 20 So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³ "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

- 1. The man had tried
- 2. The man decided to try _____
 - v.22 "....But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."
 - v.23 "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

3. The man wanted to _____, but he was also _____

v.24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Big Idea: _____