

Hope Presbyterian Church
Adult Faith Formation Sermon-Based Bible Study

August 2, 2026

“The Supernatural”

#2 in the series *You Asked for It*

Scripture Texts (NIV)

1 Corinthians 12:4-13, 1 Thess. 5: 19-21



Note: Congregation members were asked to submit topics for this sermon series. This week’s sermon addresses The Supernatural.

1. *Supernatural* refers to a manifestation or event attributed to some force beyond scientific understanding or the laws of nature.
 - When you think about the supernatural, what comes to mind?
 - Have you ever experienced something that seemed supernatural? What happened?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 12: 4-10 - Be Open**

The Holy Spirit gives different kinds of gifts, for different kinds of work and different kinds of service.

 - How have you experienced one or more of the gifts Paul lists in these verses?
 - What made you sense the gift was the Holy Spirit at work?
 - Sometimes the Holy Spirit does extraordinary things through ordinary means. When have you experienced the Holy Spirit working in a seemingly ordinary way?
 - Despite the various uses and purposes of gifts, why is it important to remember “God is at work in all of them”?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 12: 11 and 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 - Pray Boldly and Discern Humbly**
 - How do you respond to the idea that the Holy Spirit “distributes them (gifts) to each one, just as he determines”?
 - What do you think Paul means in 1 Thessalonians when he says to “test” or examine the words of the Spirit?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14 - Love Deeply**

Consider Paul’s metaphor of the body and its many parts to help explain the purpose and use of spiritual gifts.

 - Why do you think the idea of spiritual gifts is sometimes misunderstood?
 - What are some examples at Hope that illustrate we are a body made up of many parts, utilizing a variety of gifts given by the Holy Spirit?
 - How can we be more supportive and nurturing of one another’s gifts?
5. How can we pray for you?