

Gospel Meditation — Genesis 3:1–13

Find a quiet place, alone and apart from distractions. Be comfortably alert, still, and at peace. Say the Lord's Prayer. Sing or cant the Jesus Prayer. Pray for family, friends, neighbors, and yourself. Slowly and carefully read the passage of Scripture. Also read: Psalm 139:1–12; Isaiah 14:12–20; Ezekiel 28:11–19; 2 Cor. 11:12–15; 1 Peter 3:6–11.

1. The story begins with a demon-possessed serpent, which is somehow present even in the paradise created by Yahweh Elohim, the LORD God, which speaks to the woman.
2. The serpent asks the woman a carefully crafted question. We note that the serpent does not use the full title of Yahweh Elohim, only Elohim.
3. The woman's response is nearly correct, except she adds, "neither shall you touch it," which God had not said.
4. The serpent contradicts what God had said and denies that death would be the result of eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. May we wonder how the woman even knew anything about death?
5. The serpent misrepresents the intention of Elohim by saying that to eat of the tree will bring enlightenment even to the point of being like *gods*, and this rendering we find in the Septuagint—LXX—the Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible.
6. Now the woman, in looking at the fruit of the forbidden tree, sees it is good for food, a delight to the eyes, and will bring one wisdom—the deadly triple enticement. The meaning of "seeing" has been debated forever.
7. The woman shares the fruit with her husband, whereupon both shockingly discover they are naked. Such mystery here and with little understanding by scholars over the centuries. By some mysterious mechanism they devise a covering, and they suddenly "hear" the LORD God approaching, who calls out to the man and asks, "Where are you?"
8. Is this an opportunity for the man to confess and repent? Perhaps it is, but the man says he was afraid and so he hid himself. And we do the same still; thus, we identify with the man.
9. He was naked: is this a way of expressing guilt? Then comes from the LORD God another chance to be honest and confess. The response is one of blaming, blaming the woman for the trouble.
10. The LORD God turns now to the woman and asks her what it is she has done. She admits that the serpent deceived her and that she did eat of the forbidden fruit.
11. Is this to be considered a confession or an excuse?

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: #640 Sweet Hour of Prayer (3v)

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

Leader: We are here to praise and glorify our Lord.

People: WE ARE HERE TO HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER.

Leader: We boast only of our weakness and glory only in grace.

People: MAY OUR PRIDE BE HUMBLD AND JESUS LIFTED UP.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR PLANTING IN US THE SEED OF YOUR WORD. BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT HELP US TO RECEIVE IT WITH JOY, LIVE ACCORDING TO IT, AND GROW IN FAITH AND HOPE AND LOVE; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1–12; Isaiah 14:12–20; Ezekiel 28:11–19; 2 Cor. 11:12–15; 1 Peter 5:6–11

Memory Verses: "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16)

Reflection: We must accept the present reality, all the while looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Choruses:

“Our God Reigns” and “A Voice Says Cry”

Offertory Theme: Giving is to be expected. How could it be otherwise?

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**Ways to give when not present at service:**

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: milleravenuechurch.org/giving and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Doxology

Announcements: Birthdays. Masks are now optional. 2nd Quarter Congregational Meeting after church with lunch.

Bible Exposition—Phil. 4:21–23 “Final Greetings” (Daniel)

Hymn: #56 To God Be the Glory (3v)

Sermon: Genesis 3:1–13 “The Fall” (Kent)

Notes:

Hymn: #393 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (4v)

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26):

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

Watch your email for a Zoom invitation to this evening’s Sunday Service

or click on the link at milleravenuechurch.org home page

Visit our church website: www.milleravenuechurch.org:

Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, links to our videos, and more!

Also visit our Facebook page:

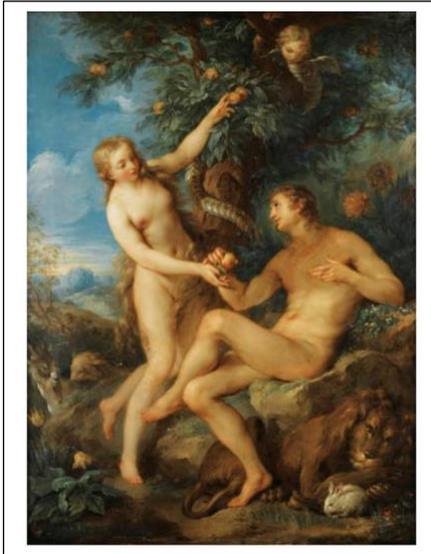
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Did you know?

Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store)

Roku
Apple TV
Fire TV
Google TV
YouTube
Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts are also on:
amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio, Radio.com mobile app,
and Spotify (look for “Kent Philpott’s Bible Study”)
Questions? ask katie@milleravenuechurch.org



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← “Adam and Eve” by François Lemoyne (1688–1737)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE POST-PANDEMIC	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship (<i>in person and via Zoom</i>)	10:30am–12:00pm
Lunch and Collegium (<i>next to last Sundays</i>)	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship (<i>in person and via Zoom</i>)	6:00pm–7:00pm
TUESDAY	
Bible Study in the chapel or parsonage	7:00–8:00pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop (<i>via Zoom</i>)	7:00pm–8:30pm
SATURDAY	
Donated Food Pickup front of chapel	11:00am–2:00pm

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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord. He was conceived by the power
 of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
 Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead. On the third
 day He rose again. He ascended into
 heaven and is seated at the right hand
 of the Father. He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian Church, the communion
 of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. **Amen**

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Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and
 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
 those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. **Amen**

Visitor Information Card

**✂ Please tear off and fill out
 card. Place in offering basket or
 give to church staff member.**

Today’s Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Request

Please pray for:

Other comments:

I would like someone to
 contact me to pray over more
 confidential matters.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to learn more about:

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Other _____

I am interested in helping with:

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship Choir
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Yard Sale
- Other _____

I am interested in attending:

- A Master Life class
- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study
- Pastor's class on Deliverance
- Pastor's class on the sermon

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- July 25:** Sermon= Genesis 3:14–24 (Jim)
Expo= Colossians 1:1–2 (Bereket)
- Aug 1:** Sermon= Genesis 4:1–16 (Kent)
Expo= Colossians 1:3–14 (Katie)
- Aug. 8:** Sermon= Gen. 5:1–2, 21–24, 32 (Kent)
Expo= Col. 1:15–23 (Vern)

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**Upcoming Schedule
Evening Service:**

Exact format TBD

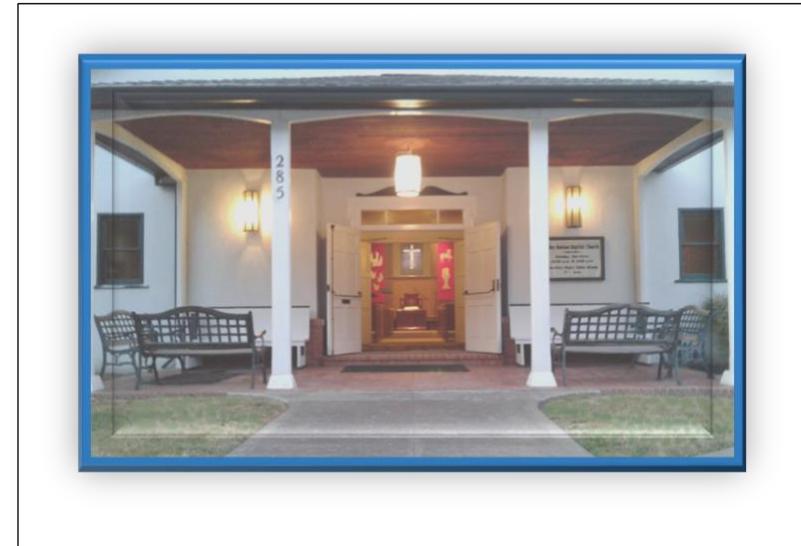
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Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

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TV Program Viewing Schedule
(View all on channel 26 or 99)

- Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM*
- Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM*
- The Rabbi/Shaman/Wiccan and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM*

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:	
Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for July	\$1,402



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

(Romans 1:16)

Welcome!

July 18, 2021

*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"