

**Bible Meditation — Genesis 37 to 45:1–15**  
**The Story of Joseph, part one**

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.

1. Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob (Israel), is the favorite of his father, who gives this son a robe of many colors, and which makes his older brothers envious and angry at him.
2. One day, Joseph is sent out by his father to see if his older brothers, who are tending to flocks, are well. Seeing their younger brother approaching, out of jealousy they decide they will kill him, soak his many-colored robe in animal blood, and tell their father that Joseph was killed by a wild animal.
3. Reuben, one of the brothers, manages to have Joseph sold to a caravan of Ishmaelite traders heading toward Egypt.
4. Joseph, now in Egypt, is sold to a man named Potiphar, a high ranking Egyptian official, whose wife attempts to entice Joseph into a sexual relationship. Joseph resists, and the woman then claims Joseph has attempted to rape her, which triggers Joseph being placed into prison.
5. Two others formerly of Pharaoh's employ are also in prison, a cupbearer and a baker. Both have dreams that Joseph interprets. The dream of the cupbearer indicates he will once again be back in pharaoh's household, while the baker will be executed by hanging.
6. Pharaoh has a dream, and the cupbearer reports that in prison a man did accurately interpret his dream, whereupon pharaoh brings Joseph out of prison and tells him of his own dream. Joseph hears the dream and gives its meaning. It is about a severe famine that is coming, and along with that, there is a means also revealed of how to deal with this.
7. Pharaoh makes Joseph the second most powerful official in Egypt, and Joseph then goes about preparing for the coming famine. When it hits, Egypt is well prepared for it with plenty of food stockpiled. The family of Joseph hears of this, and Jacob (Israel) sends ten of his sons to Egypt to buy food. Only the youngest, Benjamin, Joseph's brother, remains behind with his father.
8. Joseph interviews his brothers without their knowing who he is and creates a situation to bring his younger brother, Benjamin, to Egypt. And after some complex maneuvering, the goal is achieved, and Joseph and his brother are united.

**NINETEENTH 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:** #151 [A Mighty Fortress](#)

**Call to Worship:**

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

**Leader: Reading of Ephesians 1:11–14**

People: TO THE GOD WHO HAS GIVEN US ALL THINGS, FREELY, AND WITHOUT CONDITION—WE PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME; AND WE THANK, HONOR, AND WORSHIP THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION.

**Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer**

**Collect of the Day:**

GOD OF LOVE, YOU KNOW OUR FRAILTIES AND FAILINGS; GIVE US YOUR GRACE TO OVERCOME THEM; KEEP US FROM THOSE THINGS THAT HARM US, AND GUIDE US IN THE WAY OF SALVATION; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

**We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed**

**Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 37:1–11; 45:1–15; Hebrews 11:17–22; Revelation 21:22–27

**Memory Verse:** By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. Hebrews 11:22

**Reflection:** The life of Joseph is all part of the history of salvation.

**Choruses:** “Surely Goodness” and “His Banner over Me Is Love”

**Offertory Theme:** We are direct and bold in this matter.

### 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](http://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. Next quarterly congregational meeting: October 24 for consideration of the 2022 budget. **Masks are again “REQUIRED” for vaccinated and non-vaccinated alike except while at the mic.**

**Bible Exposition**—Colossians 3:5–11 (Katie)

**Hymn:** #444 I Love to Tell the Story

**Sermon**—Genesis 37 to 45:1–15, “The Story of Joseph, part one” (Kent)

Notes:

## The Lord’s Supper: Celebrating the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus

**The Confessional:** “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

**The Jesus Prayer:** (sung twice): “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

**The Promise of acceptance and forgiveness:** “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

### Individual, silent prayers of confession-The Lord’s Prayer

**The Confirmation:** “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

**The Assurance:** “Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” Romans 8:30

### Everyone is invited to Receive the Bread and the Cup

**Benediction Song:** “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

**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.

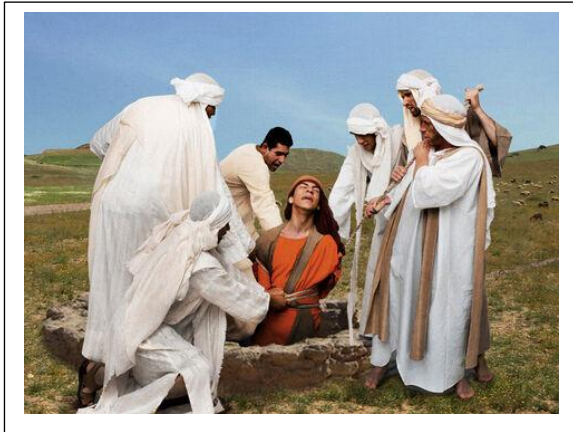
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### Did you know?

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



### Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** - Senior Pastor
- Vernon Philpott** - Associate Pastor
- Katie Philpott** - Associate Pastor
- Andrea Busta** - Audio-Visual
- Jim Daley** - Associate Pastor
- Doug Fairclough** - Associate Pastor
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- John Konieczko** – Eastern Pastor

← Joseph put in a cistern by his brothers

WEEKLY SCHEDULE POST-PANDEMIC	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Morning Worship ( <i>in person and via Zoom</i> )	10:30am–12:00pm
Lunch and Collegium ( <i>next to last Sunday</i> )	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship ( <i>in the chapel for episodes of "The Chosen" + discussion</i> )	5:00pm–6:30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Bible Study via Zoom (currently on Kent's book, <i>Christian Basics</i> )	6:00–7:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Divorce Recovery Workshop ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	7:00pm–8:30pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Donated Food Pickup front of chapel	11:00am–1:00pm

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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:

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Other comments:

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**I would like to learn more about:**

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Deliverance Ministry
- Other

**I am interested in helping with:**

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship music
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in attending:**

- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study
- Pastor's class on Deliverance
- Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule  
Morning Service:**

- Oct. 10:** Sermon= Genesis 46 to 50 (Kent)  
Expo= Colossians 3:18–4:1 (Kent)
- Oct. 17:** Sermon= Luke Introduction (Kent)  
Expo= Colossians 4:2–6 (Daniel)
- Oct. 24:** Sermon= Luke 1:1–4 (Kent)  
Expo= Colossians 4:7–11 (Doug)

**Evening Service:**

Currently watching episodes of "The Chosen" with discussion following.

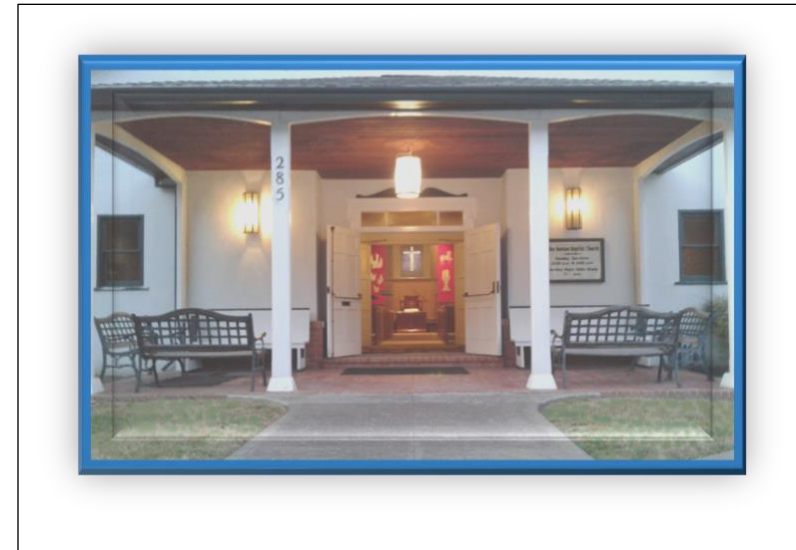
Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

**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](http://cmcm.tv/watchcommunity)*

**Giving:**  
 Monthly Budget           \$3,500  
 Giving for September   \$3,527



# 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!

### October 3, 2021

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