

Bible Meditation — Luke 18:9–14
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

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 51:1–3; Matthew 5:17–20; 9:10–13; and 10:1–4

1. A Pharisee, either of the school of Shammai or Hillel, is praying at the temple in Jerusalem and boasting that he was better than others due to his good deeds.
2. A tax collector, a Jewish man who works for the corrupt Roman government and thus is despised by his fellow Jews, is also present at the temple praying.
3. The Pharisee gives thanks while standing, and likely with eyes open and hands lifted up, that he is not like others, especially the tax collector he could see also praying. (We are reminded that Matthew, one of Jesus' chosen apostles, had been a tax collector.)
4. The tax collector, standing "far off," does not look to heaven; rather he beats on his chest, a kind of self-punishment, and has nothing to commend himself to the God he worships.
5. All he can manage to say is "God be merciful to me, a sinner." (This becomes the inspiration for the oldest prayer found outside the Bible, which reads, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.")
6. Jesus now lets it be known that this turncoat robbing tax collector left the temple "justified," that is, forgiven of his sin, while the Pharisee was not forgiven.
7. Jesus then concludes the parable with incredibly dramatic declarations.
8. The proud and self-righteous Pharisee will be "humbled," that is, brought down and not allowed in heaven upon his death. The verb *humbled* is a perfect passive indicative and means he was acted upon or judged.
9. The humble and repentant tax collector will be "exalted," again a perfect passive indicative verb, meaning God saves him and not due to anything he did or did not do.

TWENTIETH 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: #311 Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

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

Leader: Seasons change, nations rise and fall, the years come and go, another generation is growing up,

People: BUT JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER.

Leader: Jesus is, in our own day, seeking the lost and lonely.

People: HIM WE PROCLAIM; HE IS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, WHOM WE GATHER TO WORSHIP.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY GOD, SOURCE OF EVERY BLESSING, YOUR GENEROUS GOODNESS COMES TO US ANEW EVERY DAY. BY THE WORK OF YOUR SPIRIT LEAD US TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR GOODNESS, GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR BENEFITS, AND SERVE YOU IN WILLING OBEDIENCE; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 51:1–3; Matthew 5:17–20; 9:10–13; 10:1–4; Colossians 3:18–4:1;
1 Peter 2:13–24

Memory Verse: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Reflection: This great truth informs all our living.

Choruses: “I’m So Glad” and “God Is So Good”
Kent solo: “Jesus, Jesus, When I Hear that Golden Name”

Offertory Theme: We are blessed to have something to give.

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. 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 3:18–4:1 (Kent)

Hymn: #488 Just as I Am

Sermon—Luke 18:9–14 “The Pharisee and the Tax Collector” (Kent)

Notes:

Singing and praying now the oldest prayer of the Church:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner

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.

Join us in person or via Zoom for several Sunday evenings when we will show and discuss the series **“The Chosen” New time: 5:00 pm**

Visit our church website: www.milleravenuechurch.org:
TV Shows, Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, and more!

Also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/miller.avenue.church.mill.valley>

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) plus

Roku
Apple TV
Fire TV
Google TV
YouTube
Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts are also on:
Apple podcasts, Amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio, Radio.com mobile app, and Spotify (look for “Miller Avenue Church”)
Questions? ask katie@milleravenuechurch.org



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← English, 1873, unknown artist

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 Sunday</i>)	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship (<i>via Zoom for episodes of “The Chosen” + discussion</i>)	5:00pm–6:30pm
TUESDAY	
Bible Study via Zoom (currently on Kent’s book, <i>Christian Basics</i>)	6:00–7:00pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop (<i>via Zoom</i>)	7:00pm–8:30pm
SATURDAY	
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:

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
- 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. 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)
- Oct. 31:** Sermon= Luke 1:5-25 (Jim)
Expo= Colossians 4:12-18 (Monty)

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Evening Service:

Currently watching episodes of "The Chosen" (via Zoom) with discussion following.

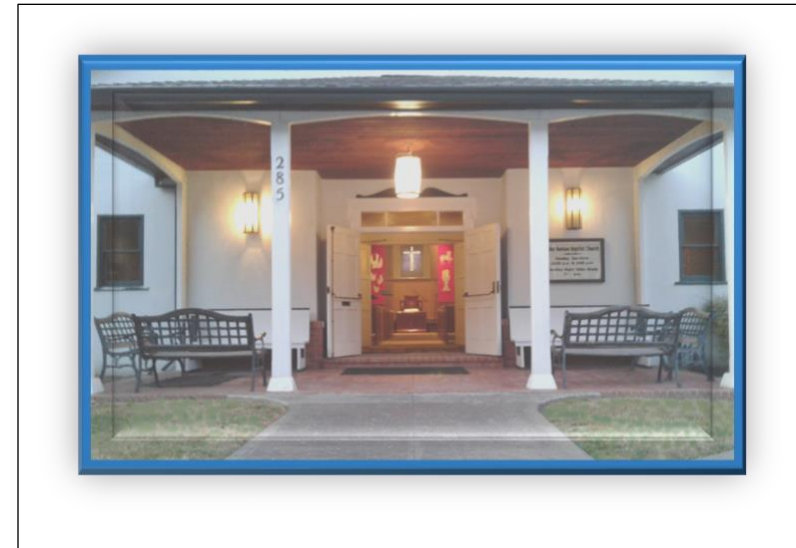
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Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

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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 October	\$1,520



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 10, 2021

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