

## Temptations to Sin / Increase Our Faith / Unworthy Servants Luke 17:1–10

1. These three stories may or may not be connected.
2. In the first, “temptations to sin,” was spoken to Jesus’ disciples, likely more than just the Twelve. He warns them that they will be tempted to sin, and it is terribly wrong to tempt another person to sin.
3. There will be wrongdoing and sinning, and when this happens, the sinner must be spoken to, and just as important, forgiveness is to be given, and repeatedly.
4. Then the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith, since they must have felt that the amount of faith they had could not be sufficient. Jesus then uses a parable to say that even if their faith seems small or weak, it is still powerful, and He teaches this by using what is termed “oriental hyperbole,” meaning reference to a tiny little mustard seed and the uprooting of a tree that was known for its strong roots.
5. In a separate story, Jesus speaks of a servant whose master does not invite that servant to dinner when the servant has completed a task. And does the master even thank the servant for his work? No is the answer, and the lesson is that, His disciples are as servants, considering themselves to be unworthy, since the labor they engage in is their duty.

Notes:

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

### The Gloria Patri

**Hymn:** #526 The Solid Rock

### Call to Worship:

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

Leader: This day we gather to honor our Lord.

People: WE DO SO WITH SONG, PRAYER, AND CAREFUL ATTENTION TO HIS WORD.

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

#### Collect of the Day:

O GOD, THE STRENGTH OF ALL WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN YOU: MERCIFULLY ACCEPT OUR PRAYERS; AND BECAUSE IN OUR WEAKNESS WE CAN DO NOTHING GOOD WITHOUT YOU, GIVE US THE HELP OF YOUR GRACE, THAT IN KEEPING YOUR COMMANDMENTS WE MAY PLEASE YOU BOTH IN WILL AND DEED; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. Amen.

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

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6:17–13; 17:14–20, 18:21–22; Luke 17:1–10; Romans 5:1–11

**Memory Verses:** Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Matthew 16:24 & Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

**Reflection:** Being a follower of Jesus can be neither easy nor pleasurable..

**Choruses:** “I Go to the Rock” and “Let Everybody Praise His Name” and special music with John and Merrily

**Offertory Theme:** Faithfulness with our resources is a mark of Christian maturity.

### 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?

**Bible Exposition:** Romans 5:1–11 (Katie)

**Hymn:** #712 Be Still My Soul

**Sermon:** Luke 17:1–10 “Temptations to Sin” & “Increase our Faith” & “Unworthy Servants” (Kent)

Notes:

### 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.

### Visit our church website: [www.milleravenuechurch.org](http://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>

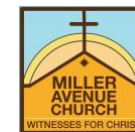
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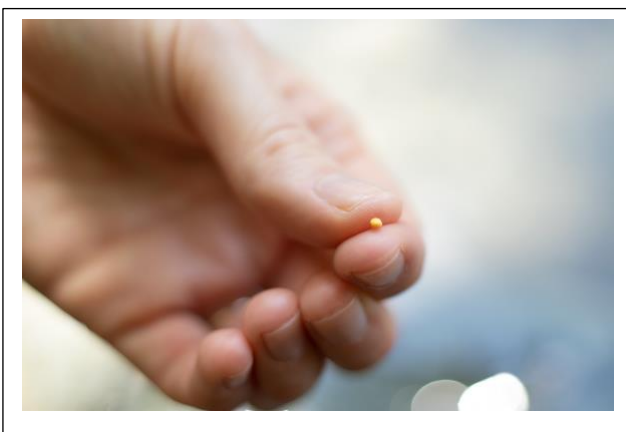
Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:  
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

Roku  
Apple TV  
Fire TV  
Google TV  
YouTube  
Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts and Sunday morning sermons 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](mailto:katie@milleravenuechurch.org)





### Ministry Associates

**Kent Philpott** - Senior Pastor  
**Katie Philpott** - Associate Pastor  
**James Daley** - Associate Pastor  
**Doug Fairclough** - Associate Pastor  
**Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman  
**Andrea Busta** - Audio-Visual  
**Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry

← Faith the size of a mustard seed

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Morning Worship ( <i>in person and via Zoom</i> )	10:30am–12:00pm
Snacks and Gathering	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship ( <i>in person and via Zoom</i> )	suspended
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Bible Study in the parsonage	New time TBA
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Divorce Recovery Workshop ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	7:00pm–8:30pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00pm –7:00 pm
<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**

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule  
Morning Service:**

**Feb. 19:** Sermon= Luke 17:11–19 (Kent)  
Expo= Romans 5:12–14 (Daniel)

**Feb. 26:** Sermon= Luke 17:20–37 (James)  
Expo=Romans 5:15–17 (Doug)

Mar. 5: Sermon= Luke 18:1–14 (Kent)  
No exposition on Communion Sunday

**Sunday Evening Service:**

Suspended temporarily: In person and Zoomed worship service starts at 6:00 p.m.

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 cable channel 26 or 99)*

*Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM*

*Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM*

*Spiritual Paths 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 February	\$1,325



# 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!

### February 12, 2023

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