

**Let the Children Come to Me &  
The Rich Ruler  
Luke 18:15–30**

1. Likely, parents brought their children to Jesus numbers of times, so that He might bless them (with a touch). In that era, children were often a burden to parents.
2. Jesus invites children to come to Him, and such is the way we must come into the kingdom of God.
3. Then a rich ruler seeks out Jesus. Maybe the head of a synagogue or even a member of the Sanhedrin (70 of them ruled over by the high priest).
4. It seems that he desires to have eternal life and thinks Jesus can show him the way.
5. Jesus lists five commandments, these called the Second Table of the Law, and the ruler says he is completely obedient and observant of these laws (see Exodus 20).
6. Jesus then tells him to sell all he has and give it to the poor and then become His follower.
7. The ruler declines this apparently too high a price for him to pay, and Jesus states how difficult it is for those who are wealthy. Using hyperbole to help make His point, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle.
8. Those who hear Jesus' words wonder who then can be saved. Jesus says only God can do this saving work.
9. Those who leave all worldly goods behind—perhaps referring to forgiveness and peace—will receive much more here on earth, and then even eternal life.

Notes:

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**The Gloria Patri**

**Hymn:** # 611 He Hideth My Soul

**Call to Worship:**

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

**Leader:**

The Lord is our rock and our strength. No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. We stand now on that firm foundation from which we will never be moved, for He is able to keep us. Let us then worship our Lord, our strong Redeemer and Savior, in whom is all our hope.

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

**Collect of the Day:**

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR REDEEMER, IN OUR WEAKNESS WE HAVE FAILED TO BE YOUR MESSENGERS OF FORGIVENESS AND HOPE IN THE WORLD. RENEW US BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY FOLLOW YOUR COMMANDS AND PROCLAIM YOUR REIGN OF LOVE; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. Amen.

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

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 20:12–16; Matthew 19:13–15; Mark 10:13–16, 17–31; Philippians 3:2–11

**Memory Verses:** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ . . . Phil. 3:8

**Reflection:** Jesus points out the supreme value of humility.

**Choruses:** “For You Are My God” and “One Name” and a John and Merrily song.

**Offertory Theme:** A tangible confession of our faith.

### 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 6:1–4 (Katie)

**Hymn:** # 572 Blessed Assurance

**Sermon:** Let the Children Come & The Rich Ruler  
Luke 18:15–30, (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>

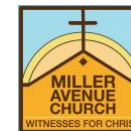
### Did you know?

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 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

← “Let the Little Children Come unto Jesus”, Carl Bloch, 1834–1890

| 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>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**

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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 (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule  
Morning Service:**

- Mar. 26:** Sermon= Luke 19:1–10 (James)  
Expo= Romans 6:12–14 (Doug)
- Apr. 2:** Sermon= Luke 19:28–40 (Kent)  
No exposition
- Apr. 9:** Sermon= Luke Matthew 28:1–15  
Expo= Mark 16:1–13 (Katie)

**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:**

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| Monthly Budget   | \$3,500 |
| Giving for March | \$1,492 |



# 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!

### March 12, 2023

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