

**the Lesson of the Fig Tree &
Watch Yourselfs
Luke 21:29–38**

1. Now just a day or two away from Jesus' going to the cross, Luke says He is teaching His disciples and others in the temple.
2. Jesus first gives a parable, or an illustrative comparison, about a fig tree and all the trees coming into bloom. The appearances of the leaves signal that summer is coming close when there will be fruit and flowers.
3. Then Jesus refers back to those things He had said as recorded in Luke 21:20–28 concerning the temple and the city of Jerusalem itself, and the tumult that will be taking place—the wars, harsh weather, diseases, and other terrible events. He is teaching that when these events are evident then they are signs that the kingdom of God is close at hand.
4. Jesus now asks His disciples not to be terribly troubled about the events that are coming but to take care for themselves. They must guard against being overcharged with anxiety that could lead to depressed states of mind, even drunkenness.
5. The disciples are to stay alert, praying for relief and deliverance, and asking for strength to escape the effects of all that is happening in the world.
6. Almost as a close now, Luke summarizes the last hours of Jesus ministry, stating he continued to teach in the temple and camped out at night on the Mt. of Olives.

Notes:

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

The Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: #3 Holy, Holy, Holy

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

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

Leader: We are to wait for and expect the empowering of the Holy Spirit according to the command and promise of Jesus our risen Lord.

People: JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Leader: This Day we may be filled with the Spirit.

People: FOR STRENGTH AND POWER TO BE HIS WITNESS, WE WAIT UPON ALMIGHTY GOD.

Leader: Lord, anoint us today to do your work.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS, AS YOU SENT UPON THE DISCIPLES THE PROMISED GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, LOOK UPON YOUR CHURCH AND OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT. KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE AND STRENGTHEN OUR LIVES FOR SERVICE IN YOUR KINGDOM; 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: : Matthew 24:36–44; Romans 8:1–8; 13:8–14; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Memory Verse: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Luke 21:33

Reflection: We are stationed at the watchtower.

Choruses: “Holy Ghost and Fire” and “Spirit from Above”

Offertory Theme: A work of the Holy Spirit.

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

A Word from Kent about Pentecost

Announcements: Birthdays, Reminder about Thursday evening Bible study

Bible Exposition: Romans 8:1–8 (Matthew)

Hymn: # 393 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Sermon: **The Lesson of the Fig Tree & Watch Yourselves**
 Luke 21:29–38
 (James)

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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TV Shows, Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog,
Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal,
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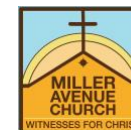
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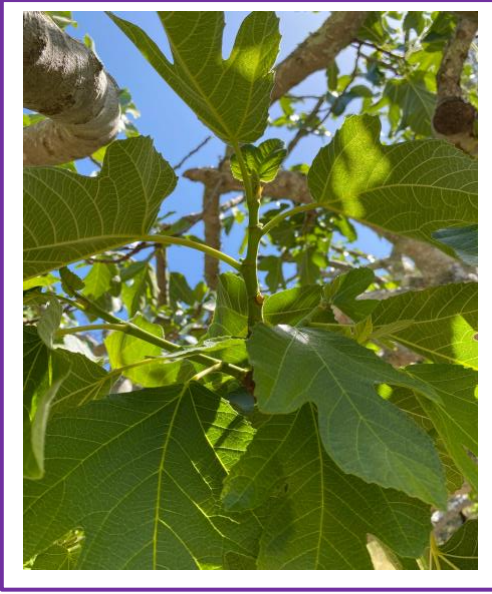
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Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

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





Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
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- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
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- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry

← Fig tree at the Philpotts

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
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
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:00pm–8:30pm
THURSDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00pm –7:00 pm
SATURDAY	
Donated Food Pickup front of chapel	10:30am–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 (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- June 4:** Sermon= Luke 22:1–13 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 8:9–11 (Richard)
- Jun 11:** Sermon= Luke 22:14–23 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 8:12–17 (Doug)
- Jun 18:** Sermon= Luke 22:24–34 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 8:18–25 (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

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for May	\$7,626



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 on Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

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