

**Christ Has Set Us Free**  
**Galatians 5:1–15**

1. We look to Jesus for our salvation and not to an ability to keep all of the Law of Moses, so Paul urges the Galatian believers not to once again, under the pressure of the Judaizers, to continue to obey that Law in hopes of achieving salvation.
2. These Judaizers are urging the non-Jewish Galatian Christians to be circumcised, which would present a barrier to many Gentiles and would lead those Gentiles astray into law keeping and make them slaves to it.
3. In reality, for followers of Jesus, circumcision is irrelevant, since doing so does not save anyone. Our salvation, our forgiveness, is the result of trusting in Jesus and His work on the cross for our salvation—this alone.
4. Law keeping binds one to slavery, but in Christ we have freedom from having to keep the entirety of the Mosaic Law. That Law informs us of what is proper conduct, but this is not the means of salvation.
5. This freedom, however, does not make sinful practices acceptable or, in Paul's words, "an opportunity for the flesh." Rather, in Christ we are called to serve one another through love—'agape' love—by which we are loved by God.
6. Indeed, as followers of Jesus, we are to love one another, thus seeking the best for all.

**Notes:**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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:** #300 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**Call to Worship:**

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

Leader: We are here to worship the Lord our God.

People: WE ARE HERE TO PRAISE THE SON OF GOD WHO SHED HIS BLOOD ON THE CROSS.

Leader: We ask the Holy Spirit to apply these great truths to our hearts and minds, because...

People: OTHERWISE, THEY WILL SEEM FOOLISH AND STRANGE TO US.

Leader: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

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

**Collect of the Day:**

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, INCREASE IN US THE GIFTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY; AND, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN WHAT YOU PROMISE, HELP US LOVE WHAT YOU COMMAND; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

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

**Scripture Reading:** Leviticus 19:18; John 13:12–16; Romans 13:8–10; Acts 16:1–5; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; 7:17–20; Philippians 3:1–11

**Memory Verses:** Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8) & For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. (James 2:10)

**Reflection:** We look to Jesus for salvation and not to ourselves or the Church.

**Choruses:** “Surely Goodness and Mercy” and “This Little Light of Mine” and “Fill My Cup” and John & Merrily and the choir

**Offertory Theme:** We give because we have received.

### 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, reminder about Thursday evening Bible study, Friday night prayer, Spanish Sunday service at 3:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Q Congregational Meeting today after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

**Bible Exposition:** Romans 12:9–21 (Katie)

**Hymn Song:** We Shall Behold Him

**Sermon:** Christ Has Set Us Free  
Galatians 5:1–15 (Kent)

**Notes:**

### Receiving Jesus in the Bread and the Cup:

**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”, etc.

**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):

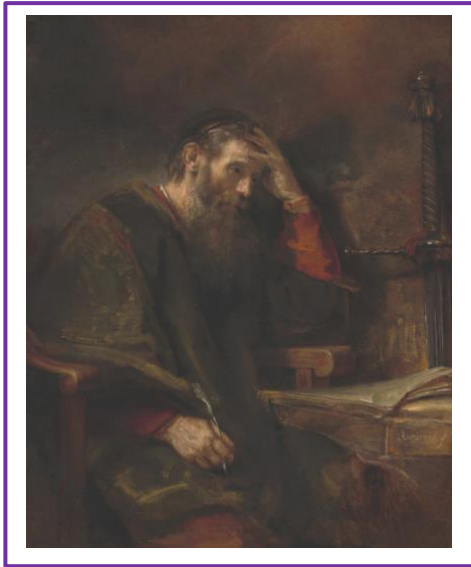
Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, links to our videos, and more!

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)  
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV





**Ministry Associates**

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

← “The Apostle Paul” by Rembrandt (and workshop?) c. 1657

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Morning Worship <i>(in person and via Zoom)</i>	10:30 am –12:00 pm
Snacks and Gathering	12:20 pm –1:20 pm
Spanish Evening Worship <i>(in person)</i>	3:00 – 4:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Divorce Recovery Workshop <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish	8:00 pm - ?
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Donated Food Pickup inside the hall	10:30 am –1:00 pm

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

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

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**Upcoming Preaching Schedule  
Morning Service:**

- Nov. 12:** Sermon= Galatians 5:16–25 (Kent)  
Expo= Romans 13:1–7 (Doug)
- Nov. 19:** Sermon= Galatians 6:1–10 (Kent)  
Expo= Romans 13:8–14 (Richard)
- Nov. 26:** Sermon= Gal. 6:11–18 (James)  
Expo= Romans 14:1–12 (Rebeka)
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**Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:**

*3:00–4:30 p.m.*

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We film at CMCM 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 cable channel 26 or 99)*

*Why We Are Christians: Fridays 7:30 PM and Saturdays 1:30*  
*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 October	\$4,146



# 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 !

### November 5, 2023

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