

## Gospel Meditation

### Points to consider when exploring the Biblical subject of Baptism:

- Baptism is one of two ceremonial commands Jesus gives us (the other being communion).
- Baptism has been and continues to be a controversial subject starting when John the Baptist was doing it outdoors.
- Pentecostals believe that there is a separate baptism experience of the Holy Spirit after one is born again and has had a water baptism. The book of acts has a number of these accounts.
- There is a variety of accounts of how the Holy Spirit comes onto believers, which is a source of controversy and confusion.
- Our involvement with the Holy Spirit is important to get right, since it affects our relationship not only with other Christians but with God as well.

### Notes:

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

**Congregation:** And also with you.

### Gloria Patri

**Hymn:** # Blessed Be Your Name (by Matt Redman)

### Call to Worship:

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

Leader: Of what do you boast, and in what do you take pride?

People: WE DESIRE TO TRUST IN GOD ALONE AND OUR BOAST IS ONLY  
IN THE FINISHED WORK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Leader: We come then to worship our God and King.

People: WE PRAISE THE GOD OF OUR PEACE.

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

### Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU SENT YOUR SON TO PROCLAIM YOUR KINGDOM AND TO TEACH WITH AUTHORITY. ANOINT US WITH THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT, THAT WE, TOO, MAY BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE AFFLICTED, BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED, AND PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD Amen.

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

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 3:11; John 16:7–11; Acts 2:38; 8:14–19; 19:1–6; Ephesians 5:18

**Memory Verse:** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

**Reflection:** It is the repenting and forgiveness that count eternally.

**Choruses:** “Freely, Freely” & “He Touched Me” & “A New Name in Glory”  
plus John, Merrily and Choir

**Offertory Theme:** Giving: self-denial

### 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:** 4<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting right after service!

Birthdays, Reminder about Thursday evening Bible study, Friday night prayer, Theology class (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 5:50–7 pm via Zoom), lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

**Bible Exposition:** Romans 16:25–27 (Ingrid)

**Hymn:** Shall We Gather at the River

**Sermon:** Baptism, Part 2 (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.

### 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>

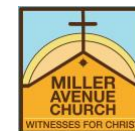
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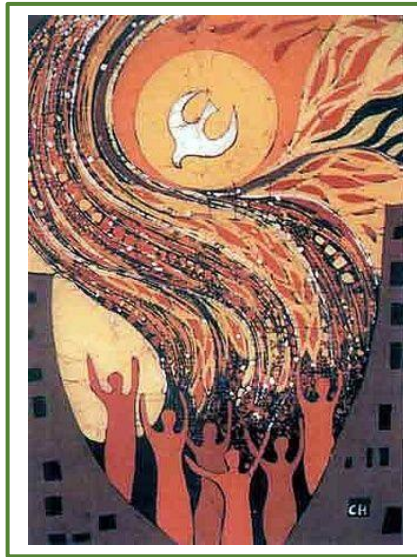
Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:  
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

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** – Assoc. Pastor
- James Daley** – Pastor/Treasurer
- Doug Fairclough** – Assoc. Pastor
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Facilities
- Andrea Busta** – Audio-Visual
- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry
- Rebeka Etuku** – Preaching/Events

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>TUESDAY</b>	
Theology class ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	5:50 – 7:00 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 distribution in the Hall	10:30 – 11:30 am

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

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:

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**Upcoming Preaching Schedule  
Morning Service:**

- Feb. 4:** Sermon= Mark 1:29–45 (Kent)  
Expo= Intro to John (Daniel)
- Feb. 11:** Sermon= Mark 2:1–12 (Kent)  
Expo= John 1:1–5 (Richard)
- Feb. 18** Sermon= Mark 2:13–21 (Kent)  
Expo= John 1:6–13 (Rebeka)

**Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:**

3:00–4:30 p.m.

We film at CMCM 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: 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 January	\$5,784*

\*Does not Include digital receipts



# 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 !

### January 28, 2024

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