

The Gospel Meditation
Mark 1:29–45

Jesus Heals Many / Jesus Preaches in Galilee / Jesus Cleanses a Leper

1. Jesus is likely in Capernaum. After speaking in the local synagogue, He goes to the home of Simon (Peter) and Andrew, who are brothers.
2. Simon's mother-in-law (several generations would live in one home) is quite ill. Jesus heals her, and right away, she "serves" them.
3. This event results in word of the healing spreading, which brings numbers of others to Jesus. In addition to the healings, Jesus casts out many demons, so we see the difference between these two acts.
4. Of interest is that Jesus does not allow the demons to say a word, and the reason for this is not readily evident.
5. Jesus' reaction to His notoriety is to leave Simon's house and head into a desolate place where He can be alone. Simon and others search for Him, but Jesus will not return into the town but moves on to other towns, so that He can preach there as well.
6. So, He travels on throughout Galilee, both preaching and casting out demons.
7. At some point, a leper comes to Jesus asking to be healed. Jesus is "moved with pity" ("tenderness" would be a better word to describe how Jesus feels), and once the leper is healed, Jesus sends him away and tells him to say nothing to anyone about what happened but to follow the guidance of Leviticus 13:45–46, without which the man cannot enter back into living with others around him.
8. The now healed leper disregards Jesus and spreads the word anyway, thus preventing Jesus from openly entering towns. Jesus remains in "desolate places," but this does not prevent other people from coming to Him.

Notes:

Fourth 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: # 408 How Firm a Foundation

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

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

ALL:

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 117)

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

LORD OUR GOD, YOU KNOW THAT WE CANNOT WITHSTAND THE DANGERS WHICH SURROUND US. STRENGTHEN US IN BODY AND SPIRIT SO THAT, WITH YOUR HELP, WE MAY BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE WEAKNESS THAT OUR SIN HAS BROUGHT UPON US; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 13:45–46; Isaiah 53:1–6; Matthew 8:14–17; Luke 4:38–44.

Memory Verse: And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." (Mark 1:38)

Reflection: Can we be like Jesus?

Choruses: “Silver and Gold” & “I’m So Glad Jesus Set Me Free” & “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Offertory Theme: Giving: A challenge to our self-centeredness.

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

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

Bible Exposition: An Introduction to the Gospel of John (Daniel)

Hymn: #516 Redeemed (3v)

Sermon: Mark 1:29–45 (Kent)

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.

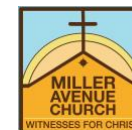
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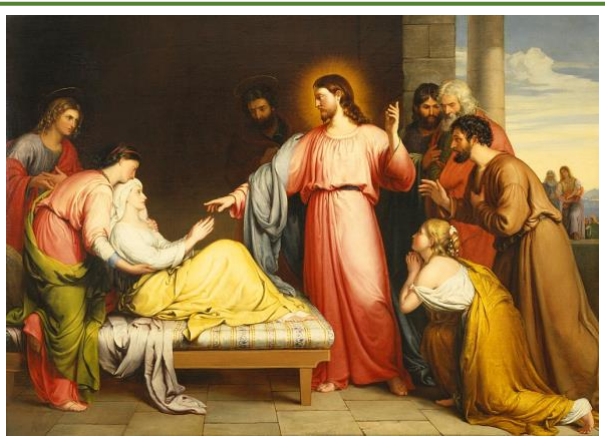
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Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store)
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV





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- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
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- Rebeka Etuku** – Preaching/Events

← “Christ Healing Peter’s Mother-in-Law” by John Bridges, 19th c.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
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
TUESDAY	
Theology class <i>(via Zoom)</i>	5:50 – 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
FRIDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish	8:00 pm - ?
SATURDAY	
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: _____

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:**

- Feb. 11:** Sermon= Mark 2:1–17 (Kent)
Expo= John 1:1–5 (Kent)
- Feb. 18** Sermon= Mark 2:18–28 (Kent)
Expo= John 1:6–13 (Rebeka)
- Feb. 25:** Sermon= Mark 3:1–12 (James)
Expo= John 1:14–18 (Katie)

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

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for January	\$7,985*

* includes digital receipts thru 1/27



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*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 !

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