

**The Gospel Meditation**  
**Mark 2:1–17**  
**Jesus Heals a Paralytic & Jesus Calls Levi**

1. Jesus is now reported to be at home in Capernaum after some days being in the wilderness, and perhaps up to 50 people are filling His house as He is preaching to them.
2. Then some men manage to climb up onto the roof, likely consisting of many layers of sticks and mud, and tear a section of the roof off in order to lower a paralyzed man on a cot down into Jesus' house.
3. Jesus is amazed at their faith and says, "Son, your sins are forgiven." In some manner, He credits the man with faith. But some who hear Him are offended and accuse Jesus of blasphemy, that is, acting as though He were God.
4. But Jesus' response is to heal the paralytic very dramatically, thus showing His authority to even forgive sin. The paralytic then picks up the bed he has been lying on and leaves. The response of those who see it is, "We never saw anything like this!"
5. Jesus then goes out to the Sea of Galilee where He finds a Jewish man named Levi at the tax booth, likely a stand to tax fishermen. Jesus says to this man: "Follow me," and he does so immediately.
6. Levi, who would be called Matthew, one of the twelve called Apostles, goes to Jesus' home along with other "sinners and tax collectors." And observers question Jesus' disciples as to why He would fellowship with such terrible sinners. Jesus hears about this and says that He has not come to heal those who are not sick but for those who are in need of healing.

Notes:

**Fifth 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:** # 327 The Old Rugged Cross

**Call to Worship:**

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

Leader: We have come to a place of rest and peace in Jesus.

People: GOD HAS OVERCOME OUR REBELLION.

Leader: He has given us life and taken away death.

People: WE WORSHIP THE GOD WHOSE LOVE IS STRONGER THAN OUR  
HARDENED HEARTS.

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

**Collect of the Day:**

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU SENT YOUR ONLY SON AS THE WORD OF LIFE FOR OUR EYES TO SEE AND OUR EARS TO HEAR. HELP US TO BELIEVE WITH JOY WHAT THE SCRIPTURES PROCLAIM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

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

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 1:1–2; Isaiah 55:10–11; Daniel 7:13–14; Matthew 9:9; Matthew 24:32–36; Colossians 1:15–20; Hebrews 1:1–4.

**Memory Verse:** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. (Hebrews 1:3)

**Reflection:** To have it revealed that we are sick and sinful is a Holy Spirit gift and revelation.

**Choruses:** “His Banner Over Me” & “I Go to the Rock” & John & Merrily & the choir

**Offertory Theme:** Giving: An aspect of submitting to God

### 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 Bible study moving to Friday evening, 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:** John 1:1–5 (Kent)

**Hymn:** #151 A Mighty Fortress

**Sermon:** Mark 2:1–17 (Kent)

### 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>

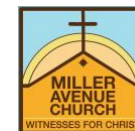
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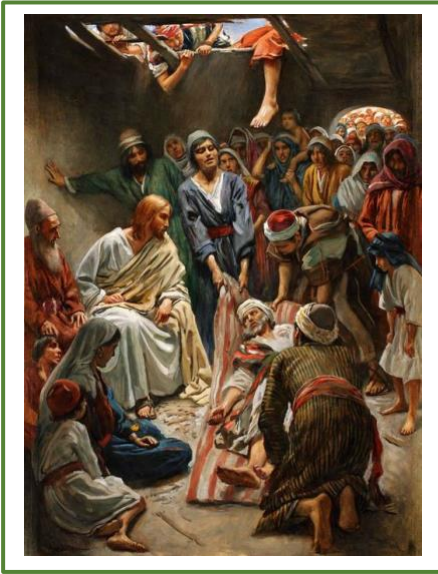
Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:  
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

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

← “Jesus Heals a Paralytic” by Harold Copping, 1910

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>FRIDAY</b>	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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. 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)
- Mar. 3:** Sermon= Mark 3:13–30 (Kent)  
Expo= John 1:19–28 (Doug)

**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	\$1,039*

\* 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 !

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