

The Gospel Meditation

Jesus' Mother and Brothers, The Parable of the Sower, The Purpose of the Parables, A Lamp Under a Basket, The Parable of the Seed Growing, and The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mark 3:313–4:34

1. Jesus' mother and brothers sought Jesus out but were unable to enter the house He was in, due to the large crowd listening to Him, who then informed Him of their presence. Jesus, looking at those around Him who were eagerly listening to Him, said that those listening were His mother and brothers, meaning they were in a close personal relationship with Him.
2. Then one of the most memorable parables of all is about a farmer sowing seeds, following which Jesus tells why He is presenting parables, since only His followers will be able to understand them.
3. In between the farming parables is a parable about the fact that no one puts a cover over a lit lamp, and the reason is that it needs to shine and bring light.
4. Two more parables follow, both having to do with farming, showing that the practice of scattering seed is vital for living.
5. Mark then states that Jesus very often told parables, likely so that the message in each one would more easily be recalled.
6. Then with His immediate disciples, here the Twelve apostles, Jesus explains further the realities behind the parables.

Notes:

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Gloria Patri

Hymn: # 516 Redeemed

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

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

Leader: The Lord is our rock and our strength. No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

People: WE STAND NOW ON THAT FIRM FOUNDATION FROM WHICH WE WILL NEVER BE MOVED, FOR HE IS ABLE TO KEEP US.

Leader: Let us then worship our Lord, our strong Redeemer and Savior, in whom is all our hope.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day: ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR REDEEMER, IN OUR WEAKNESS WE HAVE FAILED TO BE YOUR MESSENGERS OF FORGIVENESS AND HOPE IN THE WORLD. RENEW US BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY FOLLOW YOUR COMMANDS AND PROCLAIM YOUR REIGN OF LOVE; 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 12:46–50; 13:10–17; Acts 8:4–8; Romans 10:12–17; 1 Corinthians 1:20–25.

Memory Verse And he said to them, “To you has been given the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables. Mark 4:11

Reflection: We, by the working of the Holy Spirit, may grasp the meaning of the Word of God.

Choruses: “For You Are My God” & “One Name” & John & Merrily & the choir on “Come on, Come on, and Follow Jesus”

Offertory Theme: A tangible confession of our faith.

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: CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER: APRIL 7 with Susan Perlman of Jews for Jesus — Also: Baptism April 14: See Kent, if you want to be baptized.

Plus:

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: John 1: 29–34 (Daniel)

Hymn: #572 Blessed Assurance

Sermon: Jesus’ Mother and Brothers &
The Parable of the Sower and More
Mark 3:31-4:34
(Kent Preaching)

Licensing of Juan Carlos and Rocio Garcia to the ministry

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, 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) 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





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- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
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← “The Parable of the Sower”

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**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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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>)	6:50 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

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
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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 _____

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:**

- Mar. 17:** Sermon= Mark 4:35–5:20 (Kent)
Expo= John 1:35–42 (Rebeka)
 - Mar. 24:** Sermon= Palm Sunday (James)
Expo= John 1:43–51 (Ingrid)
 - Mar. 31:** Sermon= Easter (Kent)
Expo= John 2:1–12 (Katie)
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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

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for March	\$2,143*

* 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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