

## The Gospel Meditation

### Jesus Calms a Storm, Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man Mark 4:35–5:20

1. Jesus decides to cross the Sea of Galilee by boat, and this after a grueling day previously. They set out, accompanied by other boats carrying His followers.
2. Jesus, being exhausted, falls asleep in the stern of the boat, while a fierce wind stirs up the waves into a frightful event. He is awakened by His disciples who express to Him their fear.
3. Awake now, Jesus rebukes the wind and calms the sea, whereupon He asks His disciples why they were so afraid. They are flabbergasted that even the wind and sea obey Him.
4. As soon as Jesus sets foot on the northeasterly shore of the Galilee Sea, inhabited mostly by Gentiles, a man with an unclean spirit, meaning a demon, rushes up to Him.
5. This man has enormous strength, and no one has been able to deal with him. He has been a disaster, even inflicting pain upon himself.
6. Jesus addresses not the man, but the leading demonic spirit in him, who pleads with Jesus not to torment him, and this because Jesus was saying to the demon that it must come out of the man.
7. A large herd of pigs are nearby, and the demons beg Jesus to send them into them, likely to keep from being sent into hell instead. Jesus consents to this, resulting in the pigs rushing into the sea and drowning.
8. Now the formerly possessed man, clothed and in his right mind, is with Jesus. He hopes that he can remain with Him, whereupon Jesus says that he should go home and tell them what has happened to him. He does so, proclaiming how much Jesus has done for him.

Notes:

## Fourth 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:** #347 And Can it Be?

### 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 because we have peace with God.

People. OUR WARFARE WITH GOD HAS CEASED.

Leader: Because in Christ, He has granted us complete forgiveness.

People: OUR GUILT AND SHAME ARE GONE; NOW THERE IS JOY.

Leader: We say with assurance, “The peace of God be with you.”

People: AND WITH YOU.

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

**Collect of the Day:** GOD OF ALL MERCY, BY YOUR POWR TO HEAL AND TO FORGIVE, GRACIOUSLY CLEANSE US FROM ALL SIN AND MAKE US STRONG; 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:** Psalm 33:1–9; Psalm 107:23–28; Matthew 8:23–34; Matthew 22:41–46.

**Memory Verse** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” (Mark 4:41) and

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 (John 3:8b)

**Reflection:** There is no limit to what Jesus can do.

**Choruses:** “I’m So Glad” & “Silver and Gold” & John & Merrily & the choir

**Offertory Theme:** We are blessed to have some silver and gold.

### 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:** 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 (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: 35–42 (Rebeka)

**Hymn:** How Deep the Father’s Love

**Sermon:** Jesus Calms a Storm, Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man  
Mark 4:35–5:20  
(Kent Preaching)

#### 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:

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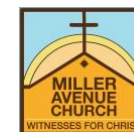
#### Did you know?

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](mailto:katie@milleravenuechurch.org)





### Ministry Associates

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

← “Christ in the Storm on the Lake of Galilee” by Rembrandt

### 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:

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

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

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

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

### 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
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#### WEDNESDAY

Divorce Recovery Workshop ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	6:50 pm – 8:30 pm
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#### 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
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**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:**

- Mar. 24:** Sermon= Palm Sunday (James)  
Expo= John 1:43–51 (Ingrid)
- Mar. 31:** Sermon= Easter (Kent)  
Expo= John 2:1–12 (Katie)
- Apr. 7:** “Christ in the Passover”

**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 March	\$2,755*

\* 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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