

Who is the Greatest?
Anyone Not Against Us is for Us
Temptations to Sin
Mark 9:33–50

1. While at Jesus' home in Capernaum, He asked the Twelve what they had been talking about along the way, but they did not reply, since they were wondering which of them was "the greatest."
2. Jesus said the first among them would be the servant of them all. And to demonstrate this, Jesus put a child in the midst of them and said that the one who receives or welcomes a child, in fact receives Him, and so then the one who sent Him would also be received.
3. Then the Apostle John told Him that they had encountered someone who was "casting out demons in your name." And they tried to stop him since he was not one of them. Jesus corrected them, saying, "Do not stop him," since he was for Him, and this person would not "lose his reward."
4. Then, referring to children, causing any one of them to sin would yield devastating results, equivalent to being thrown into the sea with a great weight tied to the neck.
5. Then, using a graphic and homely example, Jesus states that if a hand or foot or eye causes one to sin, it would be better to have that hand or foot or eye removed than to be thrown into hell.
6. And in that hell, the worm, that parasite that feeds on flesh, does not die, nor is the fire ever put out.
7. Verse 49, widely interpreted and only found in Mark, perhaps speaks of everyone undergoing suffering, or will be "salted with fire."
8. Perhaps Jesus means His followers will be like salt, so very needed in that era, and if so they will then "be at peace with one another."

Notes:

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: #12 Praise Him, Praise Him

Call to Worship: *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*
"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

Leader: Let the people praise God;

People: LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE GOD.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

People: FOR GOD JUDGES THE PEOPLE WITH EQUITY AND GUIDES THE NATIONS UPON THE EARTH.

Leader: Let the people praise God;

People: LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE GOD.

--adapted from Psalm 67:3-5

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

GOD OF GLORY, FATHER OF LOVE, PEACE COMES FROM YOU ALONE.
SEND US AS PEACEMAKERS AND WITNESSES TO YOUR KINGDOM, AND
FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY IN YOUR PROMISE OF SALVATION;
THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 66:22–24; Luke 9:46–50; John 4:45–54; Acts 19:13–17; Philippians 2:1–11, 17–18.

Memory Verse: And he [Jesus] sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."
(Mark 9:35)

Reflection: Were the Twelve superior to us?

Choruses: “Somebody Prayed for Me” & “You’re the Lifter of My Head” & “Come to the Table” with John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: The time-honored commitment

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, Bible study Friday evenings, Friday night prayer, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator, big building expenditure coming up, and **big yard sale September 28th.**

Bible Exposition: John 4:46–54 (Rebeka Etuku)

Hymn: #342 Rock of Ages

The Sermon:

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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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Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, links to our videos, and more!

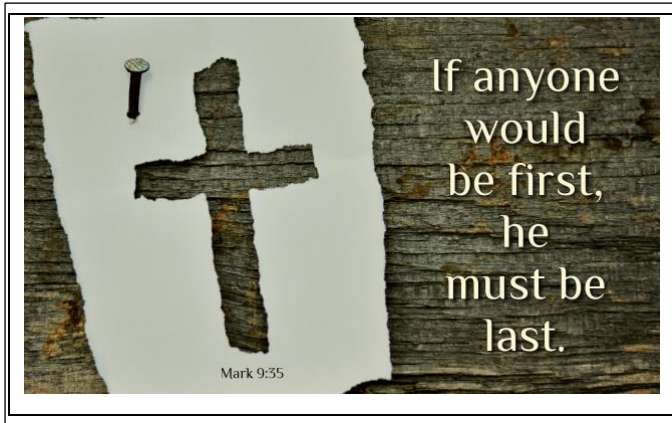
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Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store)
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV





Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
- Katie Philpott** – Associate Pastor
- James Daley** – Pastor/Treasurer
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- Andrea Busta** – Audio-Visual
- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry
- Rebeka Etuku** – Preaching/Facilities
- Juan Carlos Garcia** – Spanish Pastor

← Mark 9:35

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:

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>suspended</i>)	5:50 – 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop (<i>via Zoom</i>)	6:50 – 8:30 pm
FRIDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish	8:00 – 9:00 pm
SATURDAY	
Donated food distribution in the Hall	10:30 – 11:30 am

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 Theology

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- July 14:** Sermon= Mark 10:1–16 (Kent)
Expo= John 5:1–8 (Bob Burns)
- July 21:** Sermon= Mark 10:17–31 (Kent)
Expo= John 5:19–24 (Ingrid?)
- July 28:** Sermon= Mark 10:32–34 (James)
Expo= John 5:25–29 (Katie?)

Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:

3:00–4:30 p.m.

Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed 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: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM
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	\$4,000
*Giving for June	\$4,662

*DOES include digital giving



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!

July 7, 2024

*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"