

The Great Commandment & Whose Son Is the Christ?

Mark 12:28–37

1. A scribe or lawyer, likely of the party of the Pharisees, appreciating the way in which Jesus dealt with members of the Sadducees, asks Jesus what He believes is the most important commandment.
2. Jesus responds by quoting Deuteronomy 6:4–5, which states two crucial truths. The first is that God is one and shall be loved (*agape* in Greek) with all we can. In addition, we are to love our neighbor as we care for and love ourselves. (Most commentators define “neighbor” as anyone we encounter or connect with.)
3. Hearing this, the scribe agrees and states back what he heard from Jesus, whereupon Jesus says that the man is right on it and tells him that he is “not far from the kingdom of God.” Of course, this scribe has not yet become a disciple of Jesus.
4. And Mark then reports that no one else “dared” to ask Jesus anymore questions.
5. Change of venue now: Jesus is teaching in the temple and refers to a passage in Psalm 110:1 that the Lord had inspired David to write and asks His listeners about whom David was speaking.
6. In the passage, David said the Lord, meaning the Creator God, had referred to “my Lord,” so that this Lord was not an actual son of David.
7. This is intended by Jesus for the people of that day and all others, especially for Jewish people of all generations, to see that Jesus is the promised Messiah and who is actually the Lord of David.

Notes:

Seventeenth 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: #43 All Hail the Power

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 to worship the Lord our God.

People: WE ARE HERE TO HONOR OUR LORD.

Leader: We are here to lift up our hearts to God.

People: WE ARE HERE TO PRAISE THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

O GOD, YOU DECLARE YOUR ALMIGHTY POWER CHIEFLY IN SHOWING MERCY AND FORGIVENESS. GRANT US THE FULLNESS OF YOUR GRACE, THAT, PURSUING WHAT YOU HAVE PROMISED, WE MAY SHARE YOUR HEAVENLY GLORY; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1–17; Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Matthew 22:41–46; Romans 13:8–10, 1 John 4:7–12.

Memory Verse: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Reflection: The nature of His love for us is way beyond our understanding.

Choruses: “Freely, Freely” & “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Giving—Pure Pleasure.

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, **NEW!:** fellowship dinner and study at the parsonage Wednesdays starting 9/18 (see Vern), Friday night prayer, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator, and **big yard sale September 29th** after service (start bringing stuff).

Bible Exposition: John 6:60–65 (Ingrid Mellon)

Hymn: How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

The Sermon: **The Great Commandment & Whose Son Is the Christ?**

Mark 12:28–37

(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:

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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- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry
- Rebeka Etuku** – Preaching/Facilities
- Juan Carlos Garcia** – Spanish Pastor

← Jesus teaching in the temple

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 (*in person and via Zoom*) 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Lunch and Gathering 12:20 pm – 1:20 pm

Spanish Evening Worship (*in person*) 3:00 – 4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Divorce Recovery Workshop (*via Zoom*) 6:50 – 8:30 pm

Meal and Study in the parsonage 5:00 – 7:30 pm

FRIDAY

Bible Study in the parsonage 6:00 – 7:30 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:

- Sep. 22:** Sermon= Mark 12:41–31:2 (Kent)
Expo= John 6:66–71 (Katie)
- Sep. 29:** Sermon= Mark 13:3–13 (James)
Expo= John 7:1–9 (Vern)
- Oct. 6:** Sermon= Mark 13:14–27 (Kent)
Expo= John 7:10–13 (Daniel)

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 September \$3,399

*Does NOT include digital giving



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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!

September 15, 2024

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