



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

Mill Valley, California

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

Acts 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

January 26, 2025

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



Ministry Associates

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

← “Return of the Prodigal Son” by Pompeo Batoni

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship (<i>in person and via Zoom</i>)	10:30–12:00
Lunch and Gathering	12:20–1:20 pm
Spanish Evening Worship (<i>in person</i>)	2:00–3:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop (<i>via Zoom</i>)	6:50–8:30 pm
Meal and Study in the parsonage	5:30–7:00 pm
FRIDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00–7:30 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English/Spanish	8:00–9:00 pm
SATURDAY	
Donated food distribution in the hall	10:00–11:00 am

Miller Avenue Church – 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

milleravenuechurch.org

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

The 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: Of what do you boast, and in what do you take pride?

People: WE DESIRE TO TRUST IN GOD ALONE AND OUR BOAST IS ONLY IN
THE FINISHED WORK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Leader: We come then to worship our God and King.

People: WE PRAISE THE GOD OF OUR PEACE.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU SENT YOUR SON TO PROCLAIM YOUR KINGDOM AND TO TEACH WITH AUTHORITY. ANOINT US WITH THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT, THAT WE, TOO, MAY BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE AFFLICTED, BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED, AND PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVE; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Romans 7:4-25; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Colossians 2:6-15; 1 John 1:8-2:2; Revelation 12:7-10.

Memory Verse: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 7:24-25a)

Reflection: Are you a sinner? Are you perfect? Are you both?

Choruses: “Freely, Freely” & “He Touched Me” & “A New Name” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Our great 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, Fellowship dinner and study at the parsonage Wednesdays, 5:30–7:00, Friday night prayer, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

Fourth Quarter Congregational Meeting after service today.

Bible Exposition: John 8:48–59 (Rebeka)

Hymn: #351 Amazing Love

Sermon:

Paradox #4:
Perfect — Sinners
(Vern 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@millravenuechurch.org



Gospel Meditation

1. Here is the third of the “lost” parables, and this time what is lost is a human being not a sheep or a coin.
2. The youngest of two sons asks his father for his share of the family’s property, which was a practice in that day.
3. The father does so and gives him, according to Deuteronomy 21, one third of the inheritance, the oldest son receiving two thirds.
4. The wild young man, driven by sinful desires, soon squanders all and becomes desperate, even to the point of tending pigs, which would be most repugnant for a Jew.
5. Nearing a point of desperation of even life itself, the young son knows he must return to his father. Nearing home, his father sees him from a distance, runs to embrace his son, and welcomes him back home.
6. Out of pleasure and gratitude, the father throws a big dinner party, sparing no expense.
7. The older son, hearing the sounds of celebration, comes upon the festive gathering and complains to his father that he had never received such attention, and even speaks badly of his younger brother.
8. The father, however, tells his older son that he was always special to him, but that his younger brother who was as good as dead is now alive; indeed he who was lost is now found.

Notes:

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:

Other comments:

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

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 History

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- Feb. 2:** Sermon= 5th Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 9:1–41 (James)
- Feb. 9:** Sermon= 6th Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 10:1–21 (Katie)
- Feb. 16:** Sermon= 7th Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 10:22–42 (Ingrid)

Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:

2:00–3:30 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 Marin 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:

Anticipated Income	\$5,000
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*Giving for January	\$6,705
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*Does NOT include digital giving