



# 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.*

February 23, 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*

← “Mary with Lazarus” from the LDS Library

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

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

[milleravenuechurch.org](http://milleravenuechurch.org)

## Seventh 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:** # 375 Jesus Shall Reign

**Call to Worship:** *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

**Leader:** We are gathered to learn of our great God & King.

**People:** WE ARE HERE TO HONOR OUR LORD JESUS.

**Leader:** He who was despised, rejected, and crucified is now seated at the right hand of the Father.

**People:** IN DUE TIME HE WILL RETURN AS OUR GLORIOUS KING.

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

#### Collect of the Day

GOD OF COMPASSION, KEEP BEFORE US THE LOVE YOU HAVE REVEALED IN YOUR SON, WHO PRAYED EVEN FOR HIS ENEMIES; IN OUR WORDS AND DEEDS HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM THROUGH WHOM WE PRAY, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

#### We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 16:4-8; 17:1-7; Matthew 26:26-29; John 6:41-51; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

**Memory Verse:** Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” John 6:35

**Reflection:** One of seven “I Am” statements of Jesus.

**Choruses:** “I Will Enter His Gates” & “I’d Rather Have Jesus” & John and Merrily and choir.

**Offertory Theme:** Yes, there may be some suffering.

## 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:

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.

**Bible Exposition:** John 11:1–16 — The Death of Lazarus (Kent)

**Hymn:** # 581 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

### Sermon:

**The Paradox of the Lord’s Supper:  
Sacrament vs. Ordinance  
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](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:**

<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](mailto:katie@milleravenuechurch.org)



**Gospel Meditation**  
**John 11:1–16**  
**The Death of Lazarus**

1. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus—two sisters and their brother—lived in Bethany on the eastern slope of the Mt. of Olives, two miles from Jerusalem.
2. Jesus had an encounter with Mary: see Luke 10:38–42 and John 11:17–44 for more on that family.
3. Lazarus was deathly ill, and his sisters sought for Jesus to come and heal their brother. Upon finding Him, they reported the state of their brother, but Jesus gave them an unusual reply.
4. In the next verse, John reports that Jesus loved the three, yet instead of rushing off to Bethany, Jesus remained where He was for two days. During this time, Lazarus died.
5. Jesus informed His disciples they would go on to Bethany, and they were fearful of Jesus' enemies. Jesus countered that time was short and they must continue on despite the cost.
6. Jesus then informed the disciples that Lazarus was dead, showing the working of the word of knowledge.
7. Hearing this, they thought that Lazarus was only in a state of sleep, but Jesus then informs them that he is actually dead.
8. Thomas, one of the Twelve, whose name means 'twin' in Aramaic, says to the other disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."
9. Thomas knew how dangerous such a visit to Judah could be, but this does not prevent him, and the others, from going with Jesus.

**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:

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Other comments:

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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:

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**Upcoming Preaching Schedule  
Morning Service:**

- Mar. 2:** Sermon= Intro to Ephesians (Kent)  
Expo= John 11:17–27 (Rebeka)
- Mar. 9:** Sermon= Ephesians 1:3–10 (Kent)  
Expo= John 11:28–37 (James)
- Mar. 16:** Sermon= Eph. 1:11–14 (Kent)  
Expo= John 11:38–44 (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](http://cmcm.tv/watchcommunity)

**Giving:**

Anticipated Income	\$5,000
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*Giving for February	\$3,127
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\*Does NOT include digital giving