



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.

March 16, 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*

←“Paul the Apostle” by Rubens

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Congregation: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: # 21 O For a Thousand Tongues

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

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

Leader: We have been born again by the Spirit of God.

People: WHETHER YOUNG OR OLD IN CHRIST, WE ARE EAGER TO GROW UP INTO HIS FULLNESS.

Leader: Maturing and growing up into the fullness of Christ,

People: WE ARE CALLED TO GIVE HIM PRAISE AND GLORY.

Leader: Putting away childish things, we are here to worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

O GOD, FROM WHOM ALL GOOD THINGS COME: LEAD US BY THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR SPIRIT TO THINK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE RIGHT, AND BY YOUR GOODNESS HELP US TO DO THEM; 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: John 11:38–44; Acts 19:13–20; 1 Corinthians 2:6–13; Ephesians 1:15–23.

Memory Verse: And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:22–23

Reflection: Such a rich analogy!

Choruses: “I’m Not My Own” & “Seek Ye First” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Easier for some than others.

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.

Bible Exposition: John 11:38–44 “Jesus Raises Lazarus” (Ingrid)

Hymn: # 444 I Love to Tell the Story

Sermon:

**“Thanksgiving and Prayer”
Ephesians 1:15–23
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@millravenuechurch.org



Gospel Meditation
Thanksgiving and Prayer
Ephesians 1:15-23

1. Writing from prison in Rome about the year 62 AD, Paul addresses not only the church at Ephesus, but as most scholars think, other churches about whom he had heard regarding their faithfulness.
2. His desire for these is that they might grasp and understand what tremendous glory they have received and which they then need to share with others.
3. He prays that the “eyes of your hearts be enlightened,” and this is our prayer as well. The riches of God’s glorious grace are beyond comprehension, and we grow into it slowly as time goes on as we study His words to us.
4. All of this is through Jesus and what He did for us on the cross, since He is now “seated” in the heavenly places and whose power and glory are above all supposed power and authority, especially including that of the demonic realm.
5. Indeed, all things are under “his feet,” meaning that Jesus has power and authority above all.
6. Jesus Himself gave this power and authority to the church, and in the Greek the word is *ekklesia*—with “*ek*” meaning out and “*klesis*” meaning called. Paul identifies the church, made up of all who are born again, as His body on earth.
7. Thus, we who are in Christ, born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, are called out of the world to serve our Lord.

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:**

- Mar. 23:** Sermon= Eph. 2:1–10 (Kent)
Expo= John 11:45–54 (Katie)
- Mar. 30:** Sermon= Eph. 2:11–22 (Vern)
Expo= John 11:55–57 (Daniel)
- Apr. 6:** Sermon= Eph. 3:1–13 (Kent)
Expo= John 12:1–11 (Rebeka)

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

*Giving for March \$1,232

*Does NOT include digital giving