

# Miller Avenue Baptist Church

Mill Valley, California

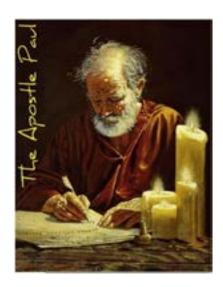
An Evangelical\* and Reformed Congregation

Acts 2:42

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

March 30, 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

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY		
Morning Worship (in person and via Zoom)	10:30–12:00	
Lunch and Gathering	12:20–1:20 pm	
Spanish Evening Worship (in person)	2:00–3:30 pm	
WEDNESDAY		
Divorce Recovery Workshop (via Zoom)	6:50–8:30 pm	
FRIDAY		
Bible Study and meal in the parsonage	6:00–8:00 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	

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# **Fourth 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: #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:** We are here because we have peace with God. **People:** OUR WARFARE WITH GOD HAS CEASED.

**Leader:** Because in Christ, He has granted us complete forgiveness. **People:** OUR GUILT & SHAME IS GONE; NOW THERE IS JOY. **Leader:** We say with assurance, "The peace of God be with you."

People: AND WITH YOU.

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

## **Collect of the Day**

GOD OF ALL MERCY, BY YOUR POWR TO HEAL AND TO FORGIVE, GRACIOUSLY CLEANSE US FROM ALL SIN AND MAKE US STRONG; 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:** Isaiah 28:16; Jeremiah 31:31–34; Amos 3:1–2; Jonah 4:1–2; Romans 10:5–13; Galatians 3:28–29.

**Memory Verse:** "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20) & But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)

Reflection: Jesus, be near us always!

Choruses: "I'm so Glad" & "Silver and Gold" & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: We are blessed to have some silver and gold to give.

# **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:**

NEW: Fridays at the parsonage: Bible Study 6:00 pm then dinner prepared by James and John 7:00 — RSVP to James.

Friday night prayer at the chapel, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

Bible Exposition: John 11:55-57 (Daniel)

Hymn: #147 How Great Thou Art

#### Sermon:

"One in Christ" Ephesians 2:11–22 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,
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





# Gospel Meditation One in Christ Ephesians 2:11–22

- 1. Paul, a Jewish Pharisee, is writing to Gentiles (non-Jewish people), explaining to them that both Jew and Gentile are together part of one body, the church.
- 2. The word "church" in the Greek New Testament means "the called-out ones." The two—Jew and Greek—are now one in Christ.
- 3. A passage in Acts (chapter 21, verses 27 to 36), written by Luke, a Gentile, narrates how Paul is arrested while in the Temple in Jerusalem. It is a good commentary on this passage in Ephesians.
- 4. Gentiles were not welcomed in the Temple and could suffer consequences if found therein. Paul now speaks to this and presents the fact that in Christ, Jews and Gentiles are one. No longer is there any separation in Christ and in the Church.
- 5. Jesus is the cornerstone of the building—the church in this instance—and the structure is made up of both Jew and Gentile. Paul's closing statement in this regard is so very amazing: "In him you also (meaning Gentiles in Ephesus) ae being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."
- 6. Indeed, this goes far beyond our ability to grasp the full significance of what it is to be "one in Christ," though each of us as believers being "one with Christ" might hint at it.

#### 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

# 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

· Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off and fill out card. Place in offering basket or give to church staff member.

· Name:
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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: .	
	Upcoming Preaching Schedule
☐ Christianity ·	Morning Service:
The Bible	<b>Apr. 6:</b> Sermon= Eph. 3:1–13 (Kent)
	Expo= John 12:1–11 (Rebeka)
Baptism	Apr 13: Sermon= Luke 19:28–48 (Kent)
Receiving Counseling .	Expo= John 12:1219 (Vern)  Apr. 20: Sermon= Matthew 28:1–15 (Kent)
☐ Deliverance Ministry .	Expo=John 19:28–37 (?)
U Other ·	
I am interested in helping with:	Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:
_	2:00–3:30 p.m.
Lunch .	
Fix-up and Clean-up	Filming schedule at CMCM has
☐ Donated Food Pick-up	resumed most Thursday afternoons.
☐ Worship music .	Contact Kent or Katie if you are
☐ Worship Audio/Visual	interested in learning how to crew
Television Crewing	on our productions
Pastoral Care Team	
-	TV Program Viewing Schedule
☐ Teaching	(View all on Marin cable channel 26 or 99)
☐ Writing and Publishing .	
☐ Website Maintenance	Why We Are Christians:
☐ Other ·	Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM
•	<b>Bible Study:</b> Fridays 8:00 PM
I am interested in attending:	Spiritual Paths and the Pastor:
	Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM
☐ Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery	
☐ Men's Group (TBD)	For current daily broadcast schedule, check
☐ Women's Bible Study (TBD)	online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity
Zoom Class on Christian History .	
	Giving:
Other Comments: .	Anticipated Income \$5,000
·	*Giving for March \$3,239
·	*Does NOT include digital giving
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