



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.

Welcome!

April 6, 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*
 Andrea Busta – *Audio-Visual*
 Shirley Laur – *Pastoral Ministry*
 Rebeka Etuku – *Preaching/Facilities*
 Juan Carlos Garcia – *Spanish Pastor*

← “Saint Paul” by El Greco

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 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

Fifth 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

Morning Hymn: #12 Praise Him! Praise Him!

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

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

Leader: The Lord is our rock and our strength.

People: NO OTHER FOUNDATION CAN ANYONE LAY THAN THAT WHICH IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.

Leader: We stand now on that firm foundation from which we will never be moved, for He is able to keep us.

People: LET US THEN WORSHIP OUR LORD, OUR STRONG REDEEMER AND SAVIOR, IN WHOM IS ALL OUR HOPE.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

ETERNAL LORD, YOUR KINGDOM HAS BROKEN INTO OUR TROUBLED WORLD THROUGH THE LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON. HELP US TO HEAR YOUR WORD AND OBEY IT, SO THAT WE BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR REDEEMING LOVE; 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: Acts 16:16–24; 24:22–27; 2 Timothy 1:8–14; Colossians 1:24–29.

Memory Verse: To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to reach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. (Ephesians 3:8)

Reflection: We all do present the mystery of the Gospel.

Choruses: “Lord, I Want to be a Christian” & “Holy Ghost and Fire” & John and Merrily and choir

Offertory Theme: It is a pleasure 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:

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. Remember to “Spring Forward” to Daylight Savings Time next Sunday.

Bible Exposition: John 12:1–11 (Rebeka)

Hymn: How Great Is Our God

The Sermon:
The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed
Ephesians 3:1–13
Kent Preaching

Receiving Jesus in the Bread and the Cup:

The Confessional: “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

The Jesus Prayer: (sung twice): “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

The Promise of acceptance and forgiveness: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Individual, silent prayers of confession-The Lord’s Prayer

The Confirmation: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

The Assurance: “Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” Romans 8:30

Everyone is invited to Receive the Bread and the Cup

Benediction Song: “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord”, etc.

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:

Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, links to our videos, 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)
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV



Gospel Meditation
The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed
Ephesians 3:1–13

1. Writing from prison during one of the three times he was imprisoned, Paul speaks here of the “mystery” of the Good News (the word Gospel is an early English word meaning Good News).
2. Paul did not know of the Gospel, until it was revealed to him by the power of the Holy Spirit. In fact, he was utterly blind to it, despite being a serious student of the Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament.
3. The content of this Gospel was not known in previous times, though many Old Testament writers, like David and Isaiah, did grasp much of it by revelation.
4. A chief mystery of the Gospel was that it was also intended for Gentiles—non-Jewish people—and through Christ, they were equal members of the Church, the called-out ones.
5. Though Paul severely persecuted both Jews and Greeks who trusted that Jesus was the Savior/Messiah, yet he was called by God to be a missionary to Gentiles as well as Jews.
6. And it was the “eternal purpose” of God that salvation would be presented to both Jew and Gentile alike.
7. Finally, though Paul was in prison and badly treated, he did not want his readers “to lose heart” because of what he was suffering.

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:**

- Apr 13:** Sermon= Luke 19:28–48 (Kent)
Expo= John 12:12–19 (Richard)
- Apr. 20:** Sermon= Matthew 28:1–15 (Kent)
Expo=John 19:28–37 (Ingrid)
- Apr. 27:** Sermon=Eph. 3:14–21 (James)
Expo= John 12:20–26 (Katie)

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:

Monthly Budget	\$ 5,000
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*Giving for March	\$ 3,881
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*DOES include digital giving thru 3/31