



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

Mill Valley, California

A Christ-Centered and Evangelical Congregation*

Acts 2:42

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

First Sunday after Easter

April 27, 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*

← “Saint Paul” by Anthony van Dyck
(1599–1641)

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

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: #300 All Glory, Laud and Honor

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 to lift up Jesus Christ.

People: JESUS WAS LIFTED UP ON THE CROSS, WAS BURIED, AND ROSE ON THE THIRD DAY.

Leader: We proclaim Jesus, the Living Savior.

People: JESUS SAID, “I, WHEN I AM LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO MYSELF.”

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE HAVE CELEBRATED WITH JOY THE FESTIVAL OF OUR LORD’S RESURRECTION. GRACIOUSLY HELP US TO SHOW THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION IN ALL THAT WE SAY AND DO; 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: Psalm 119:97–104; John 12:20–26; Ephesians 3:14–21, and Ephesians 4:4–6.

Memory Verse: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Reflection: We cannot expect to grasp all of who Go is.

Choruses: “Spirit from Above” & “I Go to the Rock ” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Being faithful with our money is a sign of Christian maturity.

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.

First Quarter Congregational Meeting today after service.

Bible Exposition: “Some Greeks Seek Jesus” — John 12:20–26 (Matthew)

Hymn: #394 Greater is He That Is in Me

Sermon:

“Prayer for Spiritual Strength”

Ephesians 3:14–21

James 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@milleravenuechurch.org



Gospel Meditation
“Prayer for Spiritual Strength”
Ephesians 3:14–21

1. Paul writes that he prays as “I bow my knees” to the Father that He would strengthen those in Ephesus and elsewhere so that they would understand the incredible working of the Holy Spirit in the believer’s life.
2. He makes it clear that Jesus should be dwelling in their hearts, and this by their faithfulness.
3. He prays that Christ dwells in their hearts, and this by faith and nothing else, so that they would understand the breadth, length, height, and depth of the love Christ has for them.
4. And this love “surpasses knowledge,” so immense is it, and that they may “be filled” with all the fullness of God.
5. Indeed, what the Holy Spirit does in the life of the Christian is far beyond measure to wholly grasp the fullness of that love.
6. And all this might ensure glory in the church, and this church is comprised of all who are followers of Jesus, throughout all generations, even “forever and ever.
7. He ends this emphasis with the word “Amen” which means “So be 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

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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:**

- May 4:** Sermon= Eph. 4:1–16 (Kent)
Expo= John 12:27–36a (Rebeka)
- May 11:** Sermon= Eph. 4:17–32 (Kent)
Expo= John 12:36b–43 (Richard)
- May 18:** Sermon= Eph. 5:1–21 (Kent)
Expo= John 12:44–50 (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 April	\$2,847
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*Does NOT include digital giving