



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.

Welcome!

May 4, 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*

← “Self-Portrait as the Apostle Paul” by Rembrandt

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

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

milleravenuechurch.org

Second Sunday after Easter

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: #33 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

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

Leader: Since Jesus has been raised from the dead,

People: WE HAVE BEEN RAISED TO NEW LIFE ALSO.

Leader: Indeed, Christ in us is our assurance of eternal life.

People: WE NOW LIVE FOR THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.

Leader: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

GOD OF ALL POWER, YOU CALLED FROM DEATH OUR LORD JESUS, THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP. SEND US AS SHEPHERDS TO RESCUE THE LOST, TO HEAL THE INJURED, AND TO FEED ONE ANOTHER WITH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING; 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 68:15–18; Psalm 139:7–12; John 12:27–36; Romans 12:3–8; 1 Corinthians 12:12–20; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Peter 5:1–5.

Memory Verse: And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11:12. (Ephesians 4:11–12)

Reflection: How do we measure up?

Choruses: “He Touched Me” & “Let Everybody Praise His Name” & John and Merily and choir

Offertory Theme: Giving: a challenge at first, later a pleasure.

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 12:27–36a (Rebeka)

Hymn: #526 The Solid Rock

The Sermon:
Unity in the Body of Christ
Ephesians 4:1–16
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
Unity in the Body of Christ
Ephesians 4:1–16

1. Paul is, in fact, a prisoner when writing to the Ephesians and others—a prisoner because of his faith in Jesus.
2. He is laying out how it is that believers in Jesus should live and express their faith. And it is no simple way of life; it is highly complex and largely opposed to how most in his audience were raised.
3. “Humility, gentleness, patience, putting up with one another, maintaining a unity brought about by the Holy Spirit” — this and much more are the goals for Christian living.
4. Paul states there is “one body,” and this is the church or the “called out” ones, wherever and however this body is. Though there may be thousands upon thousands of these, in reality, there is only One Body, the Church. And there is only one Lord, who is Jesus; one faith, which is trust in Jesus for salvation; and one baptism, which is the actual act of being placed into water, or being placed into the Body of Christ.
5. And there are differences among believers—differing gifts, differing ministries. Some are apostles (sent ones), prophets (those who preach the Gospel), evangelists (those who tell others about Jesus), and the shepherds—in some versions of the Bible we have ‘pastors’ and teachers. This last—shepherds and teachers—are joined by the coordinating conjunction *kai*, so it is one not two offices.
6. And these offices are to build up the Body of Christ.

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 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)
- May 25:** Sermon=Eph. 5:22–33 (Vern)
Expo= John 13:1–20 (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 April	\$ 3,487
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*DOES include digital giving thru 4/30