



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.

Fourth Sunday after Easter:

May 11, 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 Guercino, 1591–1666

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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Fourth 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

Hymn: We Shall Behold Him

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

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

Leader: We are justified by faith alone, and not by works.

People: AND OUR WORK, WHICH SPRINGS FROM FAITH, IS TO GLORIFY OUR LORD.

Leader: Works prove that true faith is in place; faith is always accompanied by works.

People: WE TRUST IN HIM WHOM WE SERVE.

Leader: Let us worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Genesis 1:26–28; Isaiah 60:1; John 12:44–50; 15:12–17; Galatians 5:22–24; Colossians 3:5–10, 16; 2 Timothy 3:1–5.

Memory Verse: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

Reflection: Are we able to love like this?

Choruses: “I Go to the Rock” & “Seek Ye First” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: In the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospels.

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: “Jesus Came to Save the World” — John 12:44–50 (Ingrid)

Hymn: #320 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Sermon:

**“Walk in Love”
Ephesians 5:1–21
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@milleravenuechurch.org



Gospel Meditation
“Walk in Love”
Ephesians 5:1–21

1. Paul asserts that we should be like God our Father, since we are His children. And this means walking in “love,” and the word in the Greek here is *agape*.
2. The great example of *agape* love is Jesus in His dying in our place and taking our sin upon Himself. This is the chief expression of *agape* love.
3. Paul then names primary expressions, or human conducts that are not close to *agape* love: sexual immorality, impurity, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talk, and crude joking.
4. Rather, among followers of Jesus is to be found thanksgiving, and this for having an inheritance in the Kingdom of God.
5. Indeed, Christians are not to become “partners” with those who do not walk in the way of Christ. We do not take part in the “unfruitful works of darkness,” but we instead are to expose them as sinful.
6. Yes, we are to pay careful attention to how we live, and this means not to live as those who live against the life that is pleasing to God.
7. We are not to be drunk with wine but are to be filled with the Spirit, singing the Psalms and hymns that rise up in Christian communities, including what Paul calls “spiritual songs.”
8. Singing then—“making melody to the Lord with your heart”—is our calling. This, and “submitting to one another out of reverence for 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 25: Sermon=Eph. 5:22–33 (Vern)
Expo= John 13:1–20 (Katie)
June 1: Sermon= Eph. 6:1–9 (Kent)
Expo= John 13:21–30 (Matthew)
June 8: Sermon= Eph. 6:10–20 (Kent)
Expo= John 13:31–36 (Richard)

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 May	\$1,647
*Does NOT include digital giving	