

**Gospel Meditation**  
**Hebrews 13:20-25**  
**Benediction and Final Greetings**

Find a quiet place, alone and apart from distractions. Be comfortably alert, still, and at peace. Say the Lord's Prayer. Sing or cant the Jesus Prayer. Pray for family, friends, neighbors, and yourself. Slowly and carefully read the passage of Scripture. Also read Deuteronomy 31:24-26; Exodus 20:11; Isaiah 45:18–19; and John 1:1–5.

1. Both our passages in Genesis and John speak of a beginning, intentionally so. The author of Genesis speaks of the creator God as creating all the physical universe. In John we find the Word, the Logos, was in the beginning also. The Word was not created, however, but is God.
2. The *verb of being*, “was” found in John 1:1 three times has no past tense to it. The verb can be translated, was and is, all three times. Thus, it is the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who created all that there is. The “was” highlights the idea of reality and certainty.
3. Genesis 1:1–2 is often understood as the introduction to the whole of the book of Genesis. Also, it is to be noted that the Hebrew word for God here in Genesis 1:1, transliterated from the Hebrew into English, is *Elohim* and is the plural of *El*. This literary device is used to describe “majesty” or “ultimate power.”
4. Both Genesis 1:1–2 and John 1:1–5 declare that the entire universe is created by God. The apostle John, as is made plain in John 1:14, states that the Word is Jesus when he says, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”
5. We notice also that the darkness that was over all that there was hovered “over the face of the deep,” then in John’s Gospel the Word, through whom all things were created, is the Light which now shines in the darkness. And this darkness cannot overcome that Light.
6. Reading the opening words of both Genesis and the Gospel of John we find the entire history of both our universe and the saving work of the Creator God. Though our world is fallen, there is the bright Light of redemption and glory.

Notes:

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**The Gloria Patri**

**Hymn:** #680 [All the Way My Savior Leads Me](#)

**Call to Worship:**

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

Leader: Let us worship God—  
the God who as Father brings light out of darkness, order out of chaos.  
Let us worship God—  
the God who as Son brings life out of death.  
Let us worship God—  
the God who as Spirit brings power to witness.

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

**Collect of the Day:**

ALMIGHTY GOD OUR FATHER, DWELLING IN MAJESTY AND MYSTERY,  
RENEWING AND FULFILLING CREATION BY YOUR ETERNAL SPIRIT, AND  
REVEALING YOUR GLORY THROUGH OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST:  
CLEANSE US FROM DOUBT AND FEAR AND ENABLE US TO WORSHIP  
YOU, WITH YOUR SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, LIVING AND  
REIGNING, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

**We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed**

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 1:1–2; Exodus 20:11; Dt. 31:24–26; Isaiah 45:18–19; John 1:1–5

**Memory Verse:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
(Genesis 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

**Reflection:** The universe: planned and created by the maker of all things.

**Offertory Theme:** Our giving is not in vain.

### 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](http://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. Masks are now optional.

**Bible Exposition**—Philippians 3:12–4:1 “Straining toward the goal” (Daniel)

**Hymn:** #581 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

**Sermon:** Genesis 1:1–2 “In the beginning” (Jim)

Notes:

**Hymn:** #572 Blessed Assurance

**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.

**Watch your email for a Zoom invitation to this evening’s Sunday Service**  
or click on the link at [milleravenuechurch.org](http://milleravenuechurch.org) home page

**Visit our church website: [www.milleravenuechurch.org](http://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

Our Bible Study podcasts are also on:  
amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio, Radio.com mobile app,  
and Spotify (look for “Kent Philpott’s Bible Study”)  
Questions? [ask\\_katie@milleravenuechurch.org](mailto:ask_katie@milleravenuechurch.org)



### Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** - Senior Pastor
- Vernon Philpott** - Associate Pastor
- Katie Philpott** - Associate Pastor
- Andrea Busta** - Audio-Visual
- Carl & Shirley Laur** - Pastoral Care
- Jim Daley** – Preaching
- Curtis Roberts** – Preaching/Facilities
- Doug Fairclough** – Preaching
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- John Konieczko** – Eastern Pastor

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE POST-PANDEMIC	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Morning Worship ( <i>in person and via Zoom</i> )	10:30am–12:00pm
Lunch and Collegium ( <i>next to last Sundays</i> )	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship ( <i>in person and via Zoom</i> )	6:00pm–7:00pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Bible Study in the chapel or parsonage	7:00–8:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Divorce Recovery Workshop ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	7:00pm–8:30pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Donated Food Pickup front of chapel	11:00am–2:00pm

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### 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:

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Other comments:

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I would like someone to  
 contact me to pray over more  
 confidential matters.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**I would like to learn more about:**

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Other

**I am interested in helping with:**

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship Choir
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Yard Sale
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in attending:**

- A Master Life class
- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study
- Pastor's class on Deliverance
- Pastor's class on the sermon

Other Comments:

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**Upcoming Preaching Schedule**

- July 4:** Sermon= Genesis 1:3–2:3 (Kent)  
Expo= Philippians 4:2–9 (Vern)
- July 11:** Sermon= Genesis 2:4–25 (Kent)  
Expo= Philippians 4:10–20 (Curtis)
- July 18:** Sermon= Genesis 3:1–13 (Kent)  
Expo= Philippians 4:21–23 (Doug)

**Upcoming Filming Schedule**

**Filming at CMCM is slowly opening up.**  
Anyone interested in learning how to crew in the studio, please sign up for the free orientation at [cmcm.tv/orientation](http://cmcm.tv/orientation) for their Tuesday, July 6 session. This is only held once per month, so get in now!

**TV Program Viewing Schedule**

*(View all on channel 26 or 99)*

*Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM*  
*Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM*  
*The Rabbi/Shaman/Wiccan and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM*

*For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at [cmcm.tv/watchcommunity](http://cmcm.tv/watchcommunity)*

**Giving:**

Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for June	\$



# Miller Avenue Baptist Church

*An Evangelical\* and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,  
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.  
(Romans 1:16)*

## Welcome!

### June 27, 2021

\*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"