

**August Sermon Series** -- Next week's topic, "*Wokeness and the Cancel Culture Movement*".

**Women's Fellowship** -- During the month of August, they are collecting items for Beginnings Care for Life's *Life Essentials* program. There is a list of current needs in the lobby. Donations can be placed in the box in the fellowship hall.

**Music at the Market** -- every Monday in August at 7:00 p.m at the Farmers' Market Pavilion in Bronson.

**Harvest Table** -- "*Leave some, take some*" extra produce from the garden on the table in the lobby.

**Summer Baptisms** -- Next Sunday, August 29, following worship service. If you haven't been baptized and would like to be, contact Pastor Jim.

**English/Spanish Bible Study** -- The Hispanic small group will be meeting at the church on Thursday evenings in August and September. We are looking for English "language helpers" to join the group. See Pastor Jim if you are interested in helping out.

**Open House** -- August 29 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the *Naomi Davis Shelterhouse* at 220 North Michigan Avenue in Coldwater. There will be lots of activities, food and music.

**Ways to Give:** Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to [bethelgilead.org](https://bethelgilead.org) (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using Paypal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office).



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*Be the Church*

*Live the Life*

*Extend the Kingdom*

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## Opening Worship:

Eye of the Storm  
One Thing Remains  
Great is Thy Faithfulness  
Cornerstone

## FOUR MORE HOT POTATOES

*Handle with Care!*

### Introduction

### Critical Race Theory

*(The Struggle for Racial Equity)*

#### I. Karl Marx (1818-1883)

*The struggle for Economic Equality*  
*The Rise of Communism*  
*The Demise of Communism*

#### II. Critical Race Theory - Marxism Repackaged!

*The Struggle for Racial Equality*  
*Recent History*  
*Terminology*  
*"Systemic Racism", "Tribalism", "Equity" "White Privilege"*  
*Cultural Inroads*  
*Education -- Media -- Politics -- Corporations*  
*Racist America??*

#### III. A Biblical Critique

*Examine everything carefully. Hold on to what is good ([1 Thess. 5:21](#))*

*The True Nature of Reality = Spiritual!*

*In the beginning God..... ([Genesis 1:1](#))*

*The heart of the matter = Heart Problems!!*

*Sin within! ([Genesis 6:5](#), [Jeremiah 17:9](#); [Ezekiel 36:26](#))*

*The Answer to everything...God!*

*"Living Water" ([Jeremiah 2:13](#), [Isaiah 55:1](#), [John 4:10](#); [7:37-39](#))*

*The means of change = The Gospel ([Romans 1:16-17](#), [Proverbs 3:5-6](#),  
[Galatians 3:26-28](#))*

### Conclusions

1. *Do your homework ([1 Thess. 5:21](#))*

2. *Stay under the Lordship of Jesus Christ ([1 Peter 3:14-15](#))*

3. *Watch out, speak out, reach out!*

*Speak the truth in love ([Ephesians 4:15](#))*

*Knowledge puffs up but love builds up ([1 Corinthians 8:1](#))*

Resources: Prager UVideo -- What is Critical Race Theory; Larry Elder Documentary: *Uncle Tom*;

Book: *Race and Culture* by Thomas Sowell

Closing Song: *The Blessing*

## Live the Life with Prayer



### Recent additions

Dee Eley -- shoulder surgery  
Al Miller -- tumor on esophagus  
Jen Byler -- diverticulitis  
Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues  
Jonas Rigg -- upcoming hip surgery  
Lisa Franks -- pain management in neck and back  
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

### Praise

Lynn Mayer -- recovering from surgery  
Sue Craft -- recovering from hip surgery  
Diane Tagert - recovering from knee surgery  
Keith McGuire -- successful cataract surgery

### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, pray for strength and immunity  
Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer  
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

### Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn  
Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

### Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

*"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord,  
study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people.  
When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives  
to a needy world."*

### **Eye of the Storm**

In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

When the solid ground is falling out  
From underneath my feet  
Between the black skies and my red eyes  
I can barely see  
When I realize I've been sold out  
By my friends and family  
I can feel the rain reminding me

In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

When my hopes and dreams are far from me  
And I'm runnin' out of faith  
I see the future I picture  
Slowly fade away  
And when the tears of pain and heartache  
Are pouring down my face  
I find my peace in Jesus' name

In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

When the test comes in and the doctor says  
I've only got a few months left  
It's like a bitter pill I'm swallowin'  
I can barely take a breath  
And when addiction steals my baby girl  
and there's nothin' I can do  
My only hope is to trust You  
I trust You Lord

In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

### **One Thing Remains (Love Never Fails)**

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant through the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
Yes, one thing remains

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love

On and on, and on, and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never, ever, have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love

In death, in life  
I'm confident and covered by  
the power of your great love  
My debt is paid  
There's nothing that can separate  
my heart from your great love

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
Your love  
Your love

### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me

### **Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong  
in the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems  
to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
in every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong  
in the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all

He is Lord, Lord of all  
(repeat)

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne  
Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong  
in the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all

### **The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace

Amen  
Amen, Amen

Amen  
Amen, Amen