# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - Sunday, February 6th, 2022 - 9:00 am

Music Today Cross Road

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Our society has changed. Systematic Racism, privilege, political correctness, woke, anti-racist, social justice are common words in the world today. What comes to mind when you hear them? Are you able to accurately define them? Being a victim seems to be in vogue. People are being "cancelled." While many pundits and politicians have now begun to voice their concerns about this new ideology of "wokeness" and its impact on society, it is time for us as Christians to be concerned about the impact this ideology has on a person's relationship with Christ. Together we analyze "wokeness" from a Biblical perspective. Above all, today we hear God's answer to the challenge of "wokeness." He calls His people to demonstrate courage in the face of challenges, confess the faith, and above all, share the love of His Son, Jesus, with all people.

# **Gathering Song** Thrive

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream have died

Like a tree planted by the water we never will run dry

So living water flowing through God we thirst for more of You

Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire

Just to know You and to make You known we lift Your name on high

Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives

It's time for us to more than just survive

We were made to thrive

Joy unspeakable Faith unsinkable Love unstoppable Anything is possilble
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Whoao-o-o o-o-o Whoao-o-o o-o-o Whoao-o-o o-o-o

We were made to thrive

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Welcome & Invocation Pastor Aaron Boerst

# Opening Song Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Everyone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Savior The hope of nations

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save Forever, Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

Yes, I surrender (Chorus)

Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King, Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Savior, You can move the mountains

You are mighty to save You are mighty to save

Forever, Author of salvation

You rose and conquered the grave

Yes, You conquered the grave (Chorus x2)

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**Call to Worship** Based on John 1:10–12

Pastor: Jesus Christ was in the world, and the world was made through Him,

People: yet the world did not know Him.

Pastor: He came to His own,

People: and His own people did not receive Him.

Pastor: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,

People: He gave the right to become children of God.

**Confession and Forgiveness** John 1:14

Pastor: God has come to us to make us His own children. Let us confess our sins of unbelief that He

may give us faith to receive Him and His love.

People: O God, we confess that we have ignored Your voice and Spirit by choosing to go our own

way. Without You, we are lost and confused and without hope. Without You, we do not know love. Come now to us and forgive our waywardness and weakness. Give us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love. Receive us again into the family of Your redeemed. Amen.

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only

Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

**Prayer of the Day** 

Pastor:

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**Installation of Leadership and Officers** 

Reader Chris Fecke

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6

(The Call of Isaiah)

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

"'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' <sup>10</sup>Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." <sup>11</sup>Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, <sup>12</sup>and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup>And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak.

whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

(Be mature in your thinking and speaking)

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. <sup>14</sup>For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup>What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also. <sup>16</sup>Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup>For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup>I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup>Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

<sup>20</sup>Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1–11

(Jesus Calls the First Disciples)

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ¹They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁶But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁶For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹¹oand so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

# Children's Message / Kid's Church

## Song of the Day Trust in You

Letting go of every single dream I lay each one down at Your feet Every moment of my wondering never changes what You see

My hands are weary I need Your rest No matter what I face You're by my side

When You don't move the mountains When You don't part the waters

I've tried to win this war I confess

Mighty warrior King of the fight

I'm needing You to move I wish I could walk through

When You don't give the answers

As I cry out to You

I will trust I will trust in you

Truth is you know what tomorrow brings

There's not a day ahead that You have not seen

So in all things be my life and breath I want what You want Lord and nothing less

When You don't move the mountains

I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters

I wish I could walk through

When You don't give the answers

As I cry out to You

I will trust I will trust in you

When You don't move the mountains

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## Sermon Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Christian Courage

Pastor Aaron Boerst

### **Creed** - The First Article of the Apostles Creed

Pastor: In the First Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, who is completely

holy. It is the blessed work of God the Father to give us life, direct the plan of our span of days,

and preserve us throughout our earthly journey. We confess:

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul,

eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to

support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in

me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

### **Prayers of the Church**

Pastor: O God of love, thanks and praise be to You for sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to

open Your kingdom by means of His love and deliverance and glory on the cross. Greater love has no one than this. Work in us, Your children, the gift of Your love, that we be enabled to endure the struggles of faith and hope and to reflect Your true glory all our days. Lord, in Your

mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Establish Your whole Church and this congregation to be walking and serving together in love

for You and love toward one another and the world, that many come to the knowledge of Your truth and salvation. Grant Your strength and blessing to all who preach Your life-giving Word and those who serve as Your loving hands to all who are in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant Your grace and wisdom to all who serve in the government of our country. Give strength

and integrity to those in the armed forces and to all who serve and protect us in our

communities. Give all agencies dedicated to the service of helping and healing people the freedom to do their good works for the support of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear also now our prayers for all who are sick or hospitalized, the injured and the lonely. Grant

that Your healing love be administered faithfully by the medical professionals and those who

supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

Local concerns may be added by congregational elder here.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your

mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

**Sharing the Peace** 

**Offering** Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service (Instrumental)

**Presentation of Gifts** 

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every

good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto

Yourself and use them to Your glory. [Psalm 145:15, James 1:17]

People: Amen.

**Holy Communion** 

**Preface** 

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**The Words of Our Lord** [Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25]

**Proclamation of Christ** 

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

[1 Cor.11:26]

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. [Revelation 22:20]

**Lord's Prayer** [*Matthew 6:9–13*]

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever

and ever. Amen.

**Distribution** 

**Holy Spirit Come** 

Holy Spirit, come Holy Spirit, dwell Fill Your church with joy overflowing

And peace overflowing And love overflowing In all of Your glory come

Holy Spirit, come Holy Spirit, dwell Fill Your church with joy overflowing And peace overflowing And love overflowing In all of Your glory come

Holy Spirit, come Holy Spirit, dwell Fill Your church with joy overflowing And peace overflowing And love overflowing In all of Your glory come

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### By Our Love

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 I pray that our unity may one day be restored

Chorus And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land (Chorus)

**Bridge** They'll know us by our love

Our love Our love They'll know us by our love Our love Our love

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

And we'll guard each other's dignity and save each other's pride (Chorus)

Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

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#### O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within Over-whelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

**Chorus:** O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling **(Chorus)** 

Oh what a Savior isn't He wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen Bow down before Him for He is Lord of All Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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#### **Announcements**

**Benediction** [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ♀ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Sending Song Our God (is Greater)

Water you turned into wine opened the eyes of the blind there's no one like you none like you

Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise there is no one like you none like you (**Chorus x2**)

**Chorus:** Our God is greater Our God is stronger

God you are higher than any other
Our God is Healer Awesome in power

Our God, Our God

**Bridge:** and if our God is for us then who could ever stop us

and if our God is with us then what could stand against and if our God is for us then who could ever stop us and if our God is with us then what could stand against

what could stand against **Chorus** 

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