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UNFINISHED: THE BOOK OF ACTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M. -

UNAFRAID & UNABASHED: COURAGE & CAUTION

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to **www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream.** You can give, fill out a Connection Card, and also view archives of past services and sermons all from the comfort of your home.

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Gathering Around the Word

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

This year we will read through the Book of Acts together, considering how the story of the early church might shape and guide our own congregation's story. Like Acts itself, we are Unfinished. Study this week's Acts passage and note the additional readings for the week at

www.covenantcommunitypc.org/unfinished-sermon-series.

Welcome & Announcements

| Call to Worship: | Deuteronomy 31:8 |
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| It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you: | |
| He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. | |

*Hymn: "Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna" (vs. 1,3)

*Call to Confession:

Christ is risen, and the world will never be the same. But still we struggle with the temptation to go back to normal, without making lasting change in our lives as a result of the resurrection. Let us therefore confess our struggles to one another and to God.

*Prayer of Confession:

As the stone rolling away from your tomb shook the earth, so too the news of your resurrection has shaken the world. Lord Jesus, you have brought us over from death to life eternal. We now live from sin's dominion free! Yet we have not lived lives of gratitude; even this week, we have forgotten about you in the middle of our busyness. Forgive us for becoming too casual with your victory. Fill us again with awe and wonder at the gospel, so that we might live each day as a response to the Easter story.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 4:10,18

"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and who ever fears has not reached perfection in love." Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we fear no punishment; we are set free to love because we have been loved first by God. Thanks be to Him! **Amen!**

Children's Message

Amanda Fuls

Period of Fellowship

Video Greetings

| Proclaiming the Word | | | |
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| Old Testament Reading: | Deuteronomy 31:1-8 | NRSV Bible | |
| New Testament Reading: | Acts 19:21-41 | NRSV Bible | |
| Sermon: | Unafraid & Unabashed: Courage & Caution | Jim Gates | |

Responding to the Word

| *Hymn: | "The Day of Resurrection" (vs. 1,3) | #233 |
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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

#248

| Offertory Music: | "He Is My Strength" | Voices of Glory |
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Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vs. 1,6) #687

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT L.I.F.E. (LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY)—These last weeks have caused us to reinvent our daily routine. We are learning to do our jobs from home, teach our children from home, and even order our groceries from home. In many ways, our homes have never been more important. In this turmoil, however, perhaps there is also an opportunity. As we have read in the Book of Acts this year, the early Christian movement was a community of house churches. Now, we are too!

Starting *THIS* Wednesday, April 22, and running through May 20, we will explore what it means to be Church in Your Street. We will cover topics including prayer walking your home, mission to your neighbors in the shutdown, spiritual conversations, and even how to host a social-distancing-friendly prayer gathering on your lawn. In so doing, hopefully we will make a permanent change and see our homes and streets as the primary place of our Christian work and mission! Be on the lookout in this week's Covenant Connection email about how you can participate!

SAVE-THE-DATE: THURSDAY TRIVIA NIGHT—Our first "Thursday Trivia Night" via Zoom was such a success, we will have another evening of fun on April 30 at 6pm. Save the time and date and be on the lookout for more information.

<u>HOMEMADE MASKS NEEDED</u>—As we continue to navigate the Covid-19 pandemic, let us come together and utilize our time and skills to provide for those in need. One way we can help is by making homemade protective masks for those most at risk in our congregation (If the need arises, they can also be for our medical professionals). Join our Craft Group in their mission to keep our faith family safe. Go to the JoAnn Fabrics link

(*https://www.joann.com/make-to-give-response/*) for patterns and materials. If you have any questions about this effort, please contact Judy Dorn (jajudorn@charter.net).

LIVE STREAM GREETINGS!—Though there is nothing that compares to being together, we want to create a sense of community through our live stream service. We invite everyone to send a 10-second or shorter video greeting from yourself, or your entire family. Every Sunday morning during the worship live stream, we will play a handful of these greetings for all to see! Please go to *https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/share-greeting* for more information and say hello to our faith family!

AUTOMATED EMAILS FROM CCPC REGARDING GIVING—Our new software requires us to send out automated emails as a one-time event when we join giving profiles of couples in a household (i.e. Jim and Krista Gates). If you give as a couple, you should receive an email this week or next that says "Your Donor Accounts Have Been Joined."

Unless you receive this email in error, there's no action needed on your part and you'll never receive it again. However, this email does also include a link to check your donor history for 2020; you can do so and see if we have all your gifts for this year correctly recorded!

USING ZOOM TO GATHER ONLINE—For more information regarding how to use Zoom, please go to *https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/using-zoom*.

<u>CCPC BUILDING CLOSED</u>—Due to the Governor's executive order to close all non-essential businesses, the church building will be closed for the foreseeable

future. However, our staff is still working and available! You can contact us via email (go to *https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/staff* for all of our contacts) or on our personal phones.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM—We are back to our regular scheduling for the men's and women's Tuesday Bible study, but using Zoom to gather. The ladies will be meeting *THIS* Tuesday, April 21 at 12pm, as well as every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. You can learn more about that Zoom program on our website at https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/using-zoom. If you have not been a part of these studies in the past but would like to join us now, simply contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KID'S L.I.F.E. (LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY)—We are so excited to be able to gather for our Spring L.I.F.E. session via Zoom! Our Mighty Mites (preschoolers) will connect at 4pm *THIS* Wednesday, April 22 (thru May 20), while our K2's/CREW 345 (elementary students) will meet at 6pm... all on Zoom. Be on the lookout in this week's Covenant Connection email for specifics about how to join us!

YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us online, using Zoom, *THIS* coming Wednesday at 6pm. There will be more information to come via emails and texts, so be on the lookout! If you would like to see video messages from previous weeks, please go to https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-group. If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH I.D. VIA ZOOM—All of our 6th-8th graders are invited to join us via Zoom for I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) every Sunday at 9am. Be on the lookout for email invitations and text messages! If you have any questions about how your student can participate, please contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

<u>KID'S I.D. VIA ZOOM</u>—Kid's I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) will continue to take place every Sunday morning at 9am using Zoom! Parents, make sure you check your email and pay attention to text messages related to this virtual class. If you have any questions about how your kids can participate, contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org).

| WEEK AT A GLANCE | | | |
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| | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Session via Zoom |
| | Tuesday | 12:00 p.m. | Women's Bible Study via Zoom |
| | Wednesday | 3:00 p.m. | Food Pantry |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | L.I.F.E. for Preschoolers via Zoom |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | L.I.F.E. for Adults via Zoom |
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| | | | Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom |
| | Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Kid's I.D. via Zoom |
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| | | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Live-Stream |
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