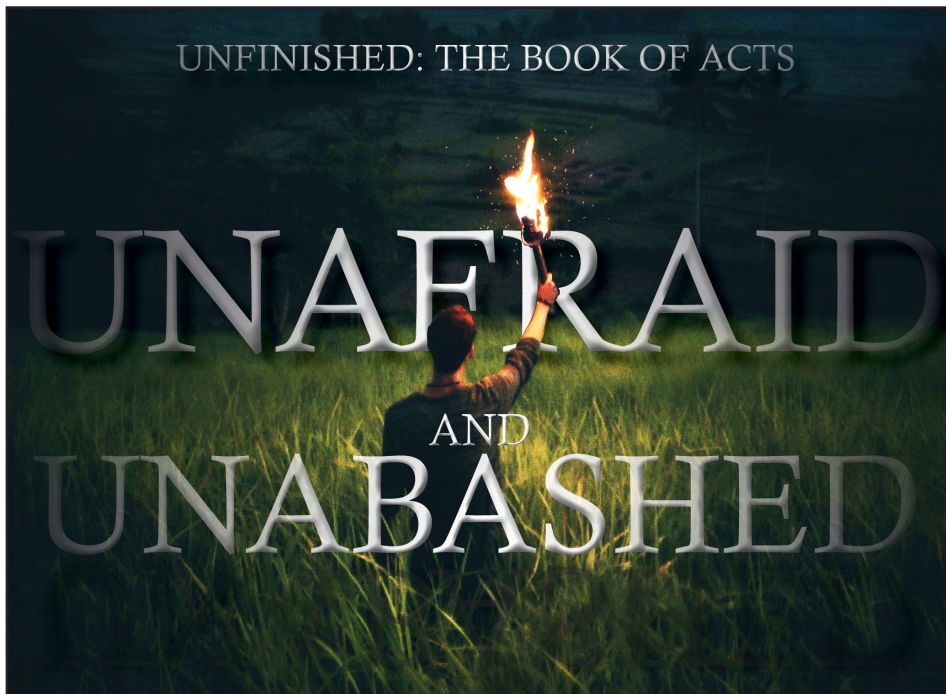




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SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

UNAFRAID & UNABASHED:
COURAGE TO BE LED

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:

Isaiah 43:1,3

But now, this is what the LORD says ... Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the LORD your God
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

*Hymn: "Lift High The Cross" (vs. 1,3) #826

*Call to Confession:

Jesus embodied courage for us. Even today, he calls us to courageous faithfulness. But our fear distracts us from the cross, and our worry directs our concerns inward. Thus we come together in confession, and together lift our eyes to our king again.

*Prayer of Confession:

God the Son, you were all-powerful, and yet you emptied yourself and became human in Christ Jesus. We try to navigate our small problems by gaining power and influence, thinking they are the path to safety and security. You solved cosmic problems by taking on the form of a servant, and humbling yourself, even to death on a cross. We hope to conquer our fears by our strength; you humiliated fear itself through your weakness.

Forgive us for believing that there is another path to victory other than yours; forgive us for striving so desperately for that which you so carefully avoided. Give us the courage to follow where you lead, even to the cross, so that we might too attain the resurrection from the dead.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Philippians 2:8-11

Jesus "humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." This is our gospel; Jesus secured our forgiveness on the cross; Jesus procured our resurrection at the empty tomb. We are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen!

Children's Message

Amanda Fuls

Period of Fellowship

Video Greetings

Proclaiming the Word

First New Testament Reading: Acts 20:1-16 NRSV Bible

Second New Testament Reading: Acts 20:17-38 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Unafraid & Unabashed: Courage to be Led Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

*Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1,4) #268

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "Lord, I Need You" Kate Coenen

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)—Continuing *THIS* Wednesday at 6pm and running through May 20 via Zoom, our Spring L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday) class 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! For further instructions on how to participate, be on the lookout for this week's Covenant Connection email, or go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/wednesday-night-life-zoom>.

THURSDAY TRIVIA NIGHT—Our first "Thursday Trivia Night" via Zoom was such a success, we will have another evening of fun *THIS* Thursday, April 30 at 6pm. Save the time and date and be on the lookout this week for emails and text messages to participate.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—This past Friday we sent out a financial update email pertaining to the first quarter of 2020. This included where the church stands fiscally, information regarding your giving statements, as well as helpful insight pertaining to charitable giving laws in the age of COVID-19. We invite you to read the email and contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or John Jacobs (john@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions about your giving.

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

HOMEMADE MASKS NEEDED—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!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'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 men will be meeting *THIS* Tuesday, April 28 at 12pm, as well as every 2nd and 4th 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

SAVE-THE-DATE: SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL—Our Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. reveal will take place *NEXT* Sunday, May 3 after our live-stream worship service. For those of you who took part in this ministry, be on the lookout for more information this week!

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 continue to connect at 4pm *THIS* Wednesday, April 29 (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. ***This week, we will be having a "Social Distancing Scavenger Hunt" in which students will find unique items from around the house!*** 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).

KID'S I.D. VIA ZOOM—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

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Book Club via Zoom
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	L.I.F.E. for Preschoolers via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	L.I.F.E. for Adults via Zoom
		L.I.F.E. for Elementary Kids via Zoom
		Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Thursday Trivia Night
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Kid's I.D. via Zoom
		Youth I.D. via Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Live-Stream
	11:15 a.m.	Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. Reveal via Zoom