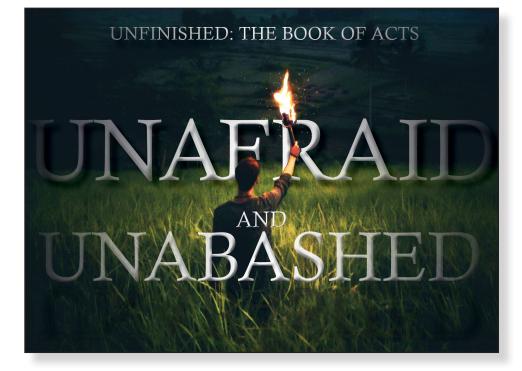


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SUNDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020 - 10:00 A.M. -

# UNAFRAID & UNABASHED: Courage in the small things

# 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:

Psalm 27:1.4

The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.** 

\***Hymn:** "Fight the Good Fight" (vs. 1,4) #846

### \*Call to Confession:

Psalm 27:7

David's plea to God is clear: Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me." Today as we gather for worship, our request is the same; we crave God's mercy for our shortcomings. Let us join in prayer as we seek His face together.

#### \*Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess this week that you have not been the one goal of our hearts. Forgive us and be merciful to us. Do not hide your face from us; do not turn your servants away in anger; you have been our helper. Do not reject or forsake us, O God our Savior.

Teach us your way, LORD; lead us in a straight path again. Let us see your goodness in the land of the living. Then release us to be your fearless people, united in Christ our Lord.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 10:42-43

Recall the words of Peter to the household of Cornelius: "Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Believe the good news! In Jesus, our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God. **Amen!** 

Children's Message	
Period of Fellowship	

Amanda Fuls

Video Greetings

Proclaiming the Word			
Old Testai	ment Reading:	Psalms 27:1-14	NRSV Bible
New Testa	ment Reading:	Acts 21:1-16	NRSV Bible
Sermon:	Unafraid & Unaba	shed: Courage in the Small Things	Jim Gates

# Responding to the Word

*Hymn:	"God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs. 1,2)	#307

The Sacrament of Communion

Offering

Offertory Music:	"Knowing You"	Marcy Fehrman,
		l es Fraaza

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

LIVE STREAM MOTHER'S DAY GREETINGS!—To celebrate Mother's Day during NEXT Sunday's live stream (May 10), we invite you to share a very brief video message acknowledging your mother, wife, mother-in-law, or any other amazing women in your lives. We anticipate a large number of folks who would like to honor these wonderful ladies, so we ask that you PLEASE KEEP YOUR MESSAGE TO 5 SECONDS OR LESS. One line with a greeting and "I love you" will be great! We will present these messages during our "greeting time" of service. For more information about how to record and send your video, go to https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/share-greeting. Clips can be sent to drew@covenantcommunitypc.org and MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 10AM FRIDAY, MAY 8. Videos will not appear if they are sent after this deadline.

**THE HERO TREE AT CCPC**—Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." These Christ-like attributes define heroes in our lives. And it is in times such as these that we are witness to so many heroic deeds. In light of this, CCPC invites you to honor the heroes in our community, and in your personal life, by acknowledging them on our "Hero Tree," located outside the west entrance of our building. From healthcare workers and grocery store clerks, to parents and neighbors, this recognition is open to anyone that has impacted you in a positive way during this pandemic. Their first name and last initial, along with the person honoring them will be written on a ribbon and hung on the tree. We will also alert your hero that they have been honored in this way. To have your hero ribbon placed on the tree, please go to *https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/hero-tree*.

**<u>1-MINUTE DAILY PRAYER</u>**—As the entire world navigates the COVID crisis, we know that there is no greater power than prayer. Coming to God in the name of Jesus for healing, hope, strength, and wisdom can move mountains, especially when we do it in one voice! Join us every evening at 8pm for 1 minute of prayer for the world, our nation and community, as well as our loved ones and friends. Let us kneel together and allow God to be in control!

**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*.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**—Last week, 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.

#### **BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM — We continue our regular scheduling

for the men's and women's Tuesday Bible study using Zoom. The women will be meeting *THIS* Tuesday, May 5 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

**SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY VIA ZOOM**—Attention all Secret and Jr. Agents! Join us following worship *TODAY* via Zoom! We are excited to see all of your smiling faces as we reveal the identities of our Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. You should have received an email with all the Zoom meeting details. If you did not receive it, or have any questions, please contact Joy Briggs at craig\_briggs@frontier.com.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT KID'S L.I.F.E. (LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY)**—Kid's Spring L.I.F.E. continues via Zoom! Our Mighty Mites (preschoolers) are connecting at 4pm *THIS* Wednesday, May 6 (thru May 20), while our K2's/CREW 345 (elementary students) will meet at 6pm. 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			
Monday	6:00 p.m.	W&F Meeting via Zoom	
-	6:30 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting via Zoom	
	7:00 p.m.	CE Meeting via Zoom	
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Women'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	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Kid's I.D. via Zoom	
		Youth I.D. via Zoom	
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Live-Stream	