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SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN:
JUST AROUND THE BEND

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 Video:

***Hymn:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 1,4) #12

*Call to Confession:

Today we will read about Paul's experience in the city of Athens. We are told that "he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols." Before confession must come the recognition of our sins. We, too, are surrounded by human-made things that claim God-like importance in our lives. This should deeply distress us as well. As a people aware of the idols around us, let us join together in prayer.

*Prayer of Confession:

Father God, we recognize that we have lived selfishly this week. In the midst of the isolation and upheaval forced upon us by this pandemic, we have thought first of ourselves, and only secondarily of others. When we have truly considered the magnitude of this crisis, we have been tempted to turn to idols for support, thinking that money or power or government or our own good health will protect us.

But this morning we turn away from those idols. This morning, we are deeply distressed by our self-focus. We turn to you, Lord, for you alone are the hope of our hearts and the light of our world. Forgive us. Free us to look up from ourselves, so we might see your face and serve your people. In Christ's name, we pray.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection.)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 17:20-31

Paul proclaims to the Athenians and to us the coming truth: "While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." Believe the gospel! Jesus died, rose again, ascended to heaven, and will return again. All who repent and trust in Him are, even today, forgiven and made righteous before God. Thanks be to Jesus the Christ!
Amen!

Children's Message:

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament:	Ecclesiastes 3:10-14	NRSV Bible
New Testament:	Acts 17:16-34	NRSV Bible
Sermon:	On The Road Again: Just Around the Bend	Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" (vs. 1,3) #839

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "Still In Control" Autumn Frost

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, You Are My God" #743

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING HALTED—Firstly, thank you to the huge number of people who worship with us on-line. We recognize how very unusual this entire situation remains, but we are grateful that we have this avenue to continue to gather and worship our God.

Governor Evers signed an executive order that prohibited the gathering of groups larger than 10 people. Therefore, our church will continue our on-line *ONLY* worship services throughout the rest of March. All other church programming has been cancelled for at least the rest of March - small groups, committees, Bible studies, choirs, etc.

Our Food Pantry is the only exception, but we will not be allowing guests inside the building and curtailing our volunteers. Food Pantry team, Bob Gebauer will be in contact with you.

This situation continues to develop rapidly. Our staff is already preparing for the probability of worshipping in our homes during Holy Week, assuming we remain under the executive order in April.

Stay tuned to your email and/or to the church website for the most up-to-date information about how our congregation is handling the Covid-19 situation.

ONLINE GIVING—Please consider continuing your regular giving online by going to clicking on the button below the live stream window. When you give, you can choose to make a one time donation, or setup a reoccurring gift.

Online giving options include either ACH Bank Transfer (also known as e-checks) or with a debit or credit card. You can also give via Apple Pay - a more secure means of online giving than the traditional credit card method.

As a member or regular visitor, you are already in our database. So, when you give online, please enter your individual first and last name (i.e. Jim Gates, not Jim and Krista Gates). This will allow the computer to automatically match your gift with your profile.

You can also choose to log in to see your donation history or your reoccurring gifts. Just click the smiley face emoji on the top right hand corner of the giving page, and select "log in." Enter your cell phone and the system will send you back a 6-digit code to confirm your identity. Enter that code and then you have access to your personal giving history and previous donation methods (i.e. a saved bank account for ACH transfer).

If you have any questions or hit any snags in giving, please contact the church office, John Jacobs (john@covenantcommunitypc.org), or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

TEXT MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS—Covenant Community Presbyterian Church now has the ability to send out text message updates! If you see a message beginning with *CCPC*., and has come from the number *715-200-5520*, please do not ignore or block!

We will be utilizing this tool to keep you up-to-date on any programming changes, as well as other communications regarding our church family. This is one more way for us to reach as many folks as possible during this pandemic, but also moving forward in years to come!

USING ZOOM TO GATHER ONLINE—During this time of disconnect due to Covid-19, CCPC will be utilizing Zoom for a large portion of our online discipleship, as well as important meetings.

From Wednesday night Youth Group, to Sunday morning Children's lessons, Zoom will allow our congregation to connect live and face-to-face, while following the social guidelines set in place by our government. CCPC staff will be coordinating these gatherings/meetings, making attendance as simple as a few steps for those participating. Please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/using-zoom> to get all the information!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

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 have any questions, 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, contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org).

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Kid's I.D. via Zoom
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Kid's I.D. via Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	Worship