



# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

# A NEW ROAD

## LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream](http://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](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/unfinished-sermon-series).

### Welcome

### Call to Worship:

Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen Indeed!**

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**\*Hymn:** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #232

### \*Call to Prayer:

Isaiah foretold, "It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." The day that Isaiah foretold is today. We have seen the day of God's salvation, of death's defeat and sin's destruction. Let us therefore join our voices to give glory to God!

### \*Prayer of Confession:

**Lord Jesus, you have turned our mourning into dancing; you have turned our sorrows into joy. Alpha and Omega; you died, and behold, now you live and reign before us! Though we doubted, you proved our doubts groundless. Though we feared, you made our fears baseless. You have done all that you said you would. You have conquered the enemy, redeemed the captives, and fulfilled every promise save one. We glorify you as we wait and hope with certainty that your final promise will come to pass, and that you will return and claim us as your eternal family. As the people of the resurrected King, we offer you our lives, our hearts, our everything. Reign in us, Lord Jesus, as you reign in heaven today, to the glory of God our Father.**

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ." This is the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! **Amen!**

**Special Music:** "You Are My All In All" Pat Moucha & Les Fraaza

**Children's Message** Amanda Fuls

**Period of Fellowship** Video Greetings

## Proclaiming the Word

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-10 NRSV Bible

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 28:1-20 NRSV Bible

**Sermon:** A New Road Jim Gates

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn:** "Christ is Alive" #246

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed

### The Sacrament of Communion

We celebrate "Open Communion" at CCPC which means ALL baptized believers here today are welcome to share in our Lord's Feast.

Please have your bread and juice available at this time. You can utilize "sacred substitutes" at your discretion (remember that Jesus turned water into wine anyway).

**Communion Music:** "Near the Cross/Lord of the Dance" Marcy Fehrman

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "Blessings" Caroline Kibler

Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction:** "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CCPC BUILDING CLOSED**—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.

**COMMUNION IN YOUR HOME!**—For today’s Easter service, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. To participate in Communion, you will need grape juice and bread! Any kind of grape juice or bread will work. We will explain what to do at the beginning of worship.

*If you did not shop for groceries this week, you can utilize “sacred substitutes” at your discretion (remember that Jesus turned water into wine anyway).*

**LIVE STREAM GREETINGS!**—The unfortunate reality of this season of adaptation is that we cannot physically come together, see the smiles of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and embrace each other with a hug or handshake. Our Sunday mornings are for the worship of the Most High, but it also is for the relationships we’ve been blessed with in our faith family.

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**—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 and Sunday I.D. lessons to important meetings, Zoom will allow our congregation to connect live and face-to-face, while following the social guidelines set in place by our government. Please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/using-zoom> to get all the information!

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**MEN’S & WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDIES VIA ZOOM**—We will be resuming our Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies starting on Tuesday, April 14 for men, and Tuesday, April 21 for women. We will be back to our regular schedule, where

women meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, and men meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Both studies will use Zoom for our meetings, and you can learn more about that program on our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/using-zoom>. Stay tuned next week for a link for the Bible Studies!

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org)).

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	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

## LIVE-STREAM PARTICIPATION

Worship Leader:	Deb Tice
Children’s Sermon:	Amanda Fuls
Old Testament Reading:	Dan Frost
Special Music:	Pat Moucha Les Fraaza Marcy Fehrman Caroline Kibler