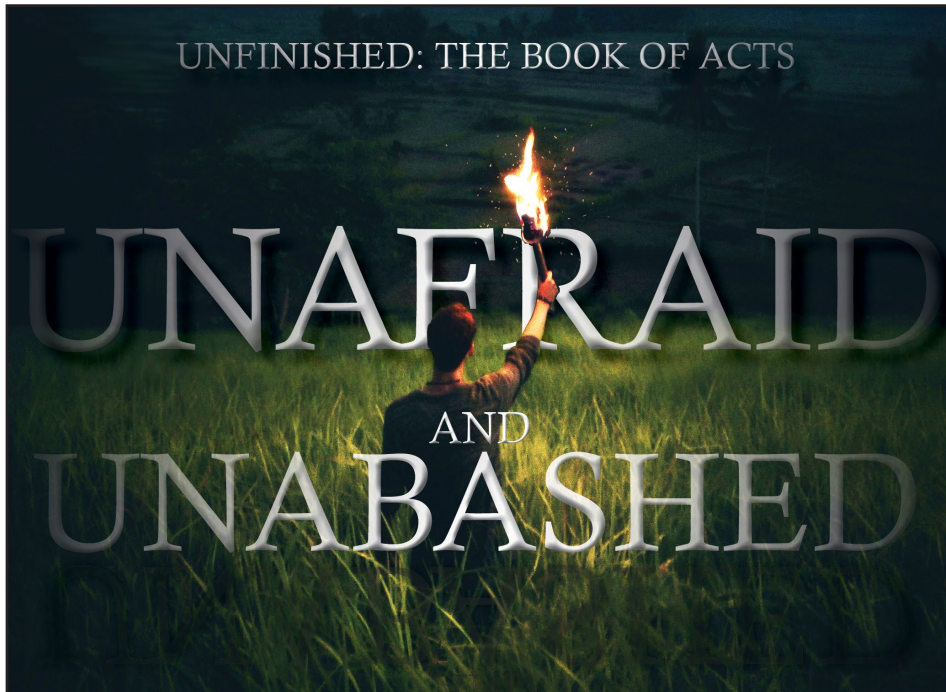




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SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

UNAFRAID & UNABASHED:
COURAGE TO DO
THE RIGHT

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 84:1-2, 4

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even saints, for the courts of the LORD;

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

They are ever praising you.

***Hymn:** "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" (vs. 1,4) #729

***Call to Confession:** Proverbs 28:13
"No one who conceals transgressions will prosper, but one who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." Let us therefore make public our sins and forsake them together. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**
Almighty God, you have given us all we need this week in order to follow you courageously. While the gate is narrow and the path hard to eternal life, you have made the way clear; love Jesus your son, and love others as ourselves. But we have tried to ignore right choices this week, hiding our selfishness in a cloak of inaction, unawareness, or unlove.

Today we confess our sins; we acknowledge that we have chosen wrong paths because they were easier. Forgive us for each time we have selected the path of least resistance, instead of the path of eternal life. Help us today to walk the road that honors you, through Christ our Lord.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses." Thanks be to God; our sins are forgiven! **Amen!**

Children's Message

Memorial Day - Honoring Our Heroes:

Proclaiming the Word

1st New Testament Reading: Acts 22:30-23:11 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "Your Touch is on Us" Jay St. Clair

2nd New Testament Reading: Acts 23:12-23:35 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Unafraid & Unabashed: Jim Gates
Courage to Do the Right

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "You Who Dwell In the Shelter of the Lord" (vs. 1,3) #43

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "This is My Country" Charlie Lewis

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

PROGRAMMING UPDATE—In light of the recent WI Supreme Court Ruling, we find ourselves without any legal guidance on how to safely navigate our current pandemic. Although the “Safer-At-Home” order was overturned, nothing changed related to the safety concerns regarding COVID-19. Our elders met this past Monday evening and debated many courses of action for our congregation. Ultimately, we felt that keeping our family safe required caution and that reopening was not an urgent need. **So, we decided to remain with an online-only worship service through at least the next three Sundays (Today, May 31, and June 7).** This means all our programming will continue via Zoom or our website. After June 7th, we will reevaluate and let you know the plan for the following three weeks of June. In planning and thinking about that eventual reopening, we highly value your opinions and thoughts. To that end, we prepared a simple survey that we would very much appreciate you taking the time to complete. Here is that link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ccpcopen>. Thank you for your patience - please know that no one wants to resume worship more than we do!

CCPC 101 VIA ZOOM—Have you been visiting us before and/or during this season of distancing and lockdown? Want to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions **THIS** Friday, May 29 at 1pm via Zoom. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this informational session, please contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org).

CCPC'S CARE CLOSET IS CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR DONATIONS—During the COVID-19 situation, we are not able to receive donations of used clothing for our Care Closet.

DONATE TO HOPE LIFE CENTER—Due to our circumstances with the Covid-19 pandemic, CCPC was unable to have our yearly Baby Bottle drive for Hope Life Center. In light of this, we invite you to visit Hope's website to donate and support this amazing local organization. Please go to <https://give.cornerstone.cc/hopewi> to give financially, or go to www.hopewi.com/Home to learn more about their important work in our community.

DVDS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS—CCPC will be making available DVDs of our worship services for those who do not have access to the Internet. If you know someone who does not have the ability to watch our live stream or archived sermons on our website, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org).

THE HERO TREE AT CCPC—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>.

1-MINUTE DAILY PRAYER—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!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM—The men's Bible study will be meeting **THIS** Tuesday, May 26 at 12pm via Zoom, 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).

BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM—The Book Club invites you to join them via Zoom! The discussion will be about “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” by Mark Twain and will take place **THIS** Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30pm.

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).

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. **We will continue to have I.D. for the remainder of our time being at home.** 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! **We will continue to have I.D. for the remainder of our time being at home.** 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

Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Book Club via Zoom
		Young Adults Group via Zoom
Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
	6:00 p.m.	Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom
Friday	1:00 p.m.	CCPC 101 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