



THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

August 26, 2018 | 10:00am

Here For You

Let our praise be Your welcome
 Let our songs be a sign
 We are here for You
 We are here for You

Let Your breath come from heaven
 Fill our hearts with Your life
 We are here for You
 We are here for You

To You our hearts are open
 Nothing here is hidden
 You are our one desire
 You alone are holy
 Only You are worthy
 God, let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your anthem
 Your renown fill the sky
 We are here for You
 We are here for You

Let Your Word move in power
 Let what's dead come to life
 We are here for You
 We are here for You

We welcome You with praise
 We welcome You with praise
 Almighty God of love
 Be welcome in this place

Let every heart adore
 Let every soul awake
 Almighty God of love
 Be welcome in this place

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Here For You*

Welcome Michael Weller

***Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come**

***What a Beautiful Name**

Prayer of Confession

***Breathe**

Offering

***Be Thou My Vision**

Message *No Matter What* Pastor Rob Peterson
John 9:35-41

***Come, Light Our Hearts**

***Reckless Love**

Benediction

Postlude
**Congregational song*

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Please join us following worship for a reception for Laurie Guikema and Patty Dekker The congregation is invited to join us following the worship service TODAY to help us thank both Laurie and Patty for their years of service on staff.

The Prayer Team will be under the cross following the service if you would like to pray.

If you are our guest this morning, stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a gift we have for you.

Worship Resources | To help you worship throughout the week, we've prepared Worship Resources available online (thornapple.org/worshipresources) and at the Welcome Center.

Printed music for some of our non-hymnal songs is available on top of the bookshelf next to the audio/visual booth (right side of Sanctuary) for those who find this helpful to use in worship.

CALENDAR

Sunday 8/26

10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K
11:15am • Reception for Laurie and Patty

Monday 8/27

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men
9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer

Tuesday 8/28

Wednesday 8/29

7:00pm • Prayer Gathering

Thursday 8/30

7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 8/31

Saturday 9/1

Sunday 9/2

10:00am • Worship/Nursery

Two services | On Sunday, Sept. 9 we return to two worship services at 9:00 and 10:30am on Sunday mornings. **Sunday morning programming for children/ students ages 3-years-old through high school starts Sept. 16 during both services.**

Are you connected? Would you like to receive our weekly email newsletter and future communications from our pastoral staff and ministries.
Sign up at: thornapple.org/contact-us.

Scholarships | At Thornapple we are committed to making sure cost never prohibits someone from attending an event. Scholarships are available for things like camp, bible studies and retreats - please contact Pastor Karen (kingebretson@thornapple.org) to request a scholarship form.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Hearts for Sewing** | First meeting of fall will be Thursday, Sept. 6, Noon-4:00pm. The group's mission is to make girls' dresses and boys' shorts for our missionaries to distribute and for the organization, Little Dresses for Africa. The group is in need of sewers (sewing machines available or bring your own) and non-sewers to cut, press, etc. Please come and join us for all or part of our time together. This is a great time for fellowship, as we work to help needy children around the world.
- **Fall Open Houses** | Sunday, Sept. 9 children (4-years-old to 5th grade; both services) and students (6th-12th; *second service only*) are invited to check out their classrooms in the lower level and meet their teachers and small group leaders. **Fall programming starts the following Sunday, Sept. 16.**
- **Fall Kick-off Picnic** | Sunday, Sept 9, 4:00-6:00pm at Ada Park. Bring your own picnic supper. Retro games start at 4:30pm. Eat at 5:00pm. Bring a friend or neighbor to the picnic and then head over to CityFest at Ah-na-bawan Park at 6:30pm (see below).
- **CityFest West Michigan** | BLESS people in your life by inviting them to CityFest West Michigan, a region-wide evangelistic campaign focused on serving the region and proclaiming the Good News, Sept. 8-9 from 4:00-10:00pm each day. Learn more: cityfestwestmichigan.org.
- **Horizons' Shared Suppers** | Join us Saturday, Sept 15 in the evening. Groups of 6-8 will have dinner in homes. Please register by Sept. 9 to host or attend. Everyone will be invited to bring a dish to share. Once people are registered, hosts will contact participants with a start time and what to bring. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/sharedsupper.
- **12 Below Luncheon** | For those who have been attending Thornapple for 12 months or less - join us Sunday, Sept. 16 at Noon. Sign up at: thornapple.org/12belowregistration.
- **Great Lakes Conference Women's Retreat** | Sept. 21-23 at Portage Lake Bible Camp. The theme is Linger with speaker Sharon Garlough Brown who will lead us in an exploration of practices that help us slow down and savor the presence of God. Karalyn Tresh will also be leading WHolyFit during the weekend. All women are invited for this inspiring and relaxing weekend! Register and learn more: portagelake.org/glcwomen.
- **Financial Peace University** | What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt and create a plan for your future. We're offering an FPU class taught by Jamin and Amy DeJong at the Mary Free Bed YMCA (5500 Burton St SE) starting September 27 at 7:00pm and running for 9 weeks. This class is for you, your friends, coworkers, family and neighbors - if you're interested in learning more about the group, contact Pastor Andrew (avanover@thornapple.org) or register here: fpu.com/1069593.
- **Great Lakes Conference Men's Retreat** | Oct. 26-28 at Portage Lake Bible Camp. The speaker is life-long Portage Laker, Sten Carlson, lead pastor of Midcurrent Church in Hudson, WI. All men are welcome for this weekend of fellowship and relaxation. Register and learn more: portagelake.org/mensretreat.

NEWS

- ♦ **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the dinner we served at UICM last Wednesday evening - the night was a great success!
- ♦ **Choir** | Singers of all ages are invited to join us in singing during both services on Oct. 14. Rehearsals will be on Sept. 26, Oct. 3/10 (Wednesday nights), 6:30-8:00pm. There will be additional opportunities to join with the choir in November & December! For more information, or to RSVP for rehearsal, contact Michael Weller (mweller@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Stephen Ministries is looking for more care partners!** Are you interested in meeting one-on-one with people who are in some sort of life transition? Our ministry is looking for more volunteers to be trained in Christian care giving. Training sessions start at the end of September. If you are interested, please connect with Pastor Karen (kingebretson@thornapple.org) or Marian Hunt (mareileenhunt@gmail.com). Applications are available at the Welcome Center and are due next Sunday.
- ♦ **Twelve 12: Hope** | Tim Friesen is preparing for child trauma training in Iraq in September and has a list of supplies that can be purchased and donated for this training available at: thornapple.org/twelvehope. Items need to be delivered by Sept. 5.
- ♦ **Women's Bible Studies** | Start Wed., Sept. 12. Morning groups have 3 study options and childcare is available. The evening session does a Precepts Study (no childcare). Learn more and sign up: thornapple.org/womensbiblestudies.
- ♦ **MOPS Childcare Workers** | Are you interested (even to be a substitute) in helping two Thursdays a month from 9-11:30am (first date is Sept. 20.)? Pay is \$12/hour and it is so easy, and lots of fun! You will have other team members with you to help in age-specific classrooms (birth-5 years). Please contact Kara Vander Pol (kara.vanderpol@gmail.com).
- ♦ **Missionary News** | Did you know Thornapple supports 14 missionaries and mission organizations? Beginning in September, during the offering on the third Sunday of each month, you'll get to hear from our partners and about how the money you give each week is enabling the work of God worldwide.
- ♦ **Artists** | We are looking for artwork to display in the Lobby - original or completed as part of a class. If you are interested in sharing your talents with us, please contact Rachel Wong (rachelcwong@aol.com).

MINISTRY INFORMATION

If you have questions or to learn more about these and other ministries, visit the links listed next to each ministry name or visit our website at thornapple.org.

CHILDREN | thornapple.org/children

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **Fall 4s-1st** | Lil' K at 10:00am, June 3-Aug. 26
- **Open House** | Check out classrooms and meet teachers, Sunday, Sept. 9 during both services
- **Fall Programming Starts** | Both services, Sept. 16

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **Open House** | Sunday, Sept. 9 during second service
- **Fall Programming Starts** | Second service, Sept. 16

YOUNG ADULTS | thornapple.org/youngadults

- **Small Group** | 2nd and 4th Monday evenings, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact Shalini Bennett (shalinibennett@gmail.com).

PRIME TIMERS (60+) | thornapple.org/primetimers

- **Soup & Study** | 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 10am, starting Sept. 14. Check online for all dates.

WOMEN | thornapple.org/women

- **WholyFit** | Exercise and worship; open to women of all ages (childcare provided). Classes meets Fridays, 9:30-10:30am starting Sept. 7.
- **Women's Bible Studies** | Wednesdays at 9:30am (3 options, childcare available) and 6:30pm (Precepts only, no childcare); start Sept. 12.
- **Women's Retreat** | Sept. 21-23 at Portage Lake
- **Moms on a Mission 2018/2019** | This group is open to any woman with at least one school-aged child. The group meets 2nd/4th Thursday mornings (Sept. 27-May).

MEN | thornapple.org/men

- **Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, Sept. 15 at 8:00am
- **Men's Retreat** | Oct. 26-28 at Portage Lake

