



THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

September 16, 2018

Great Things

Come, let us worship our King
 Come, let us bow at his feet
 He has done great things
 See what our Savior has done
 See how his love overcomes
 He has done great things
 He has done great things

O Hero of Heaven,
 You conquered the grave
 You free every captive
 and break every chain
 O God, You have done great things
 We dance in Your freedom,
 awake and alive
 O Jesus our Savior,
 Your name lifted high
 O God, You have done great things

You've been faithful
 through every storm
 You'll be faithful forevermore
 You have done great things
 And I know You will do it again
 For Your promise is yes and amen
 You will do great things
 God, You do great things

Hallelujah! God above it all
 Hallelujah! God unshakable
 Hallelujah! You have done great things

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Great Things

Welcome

Michael Weller

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

***King of Love**

***King of My Heart**

Prayer

Offering

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

(w. 1-3)

Scripture

1 John 4:1-12

Matt Hubers

Message

What If Faith Is More Than Imaginary?

Pastor Rob Peterson

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

(v. 4)

***This I Believe (The Creed)**

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregational song*

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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/media) 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 9/16

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Crew 52
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Crew 52/Huddles
11:45am • 12 Below Luncheon
6:30pm • Small Group Dessert Potluck

Monday 9/17

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

Tuesday 9/18

Wednesday 9/19

9:30am • Women's Bible Study
6:30pm • What is a Covenant Church?
class
6:30pm • Women's Precepts
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering
6:30pm • Trailblazers
6:30pm • MS JAM (Ada Park)
6:30pm • HS ReFuel

Thursday 9/20

7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 9/21

9:30am • WholyFit

Saturday 9/22

Sunday 9/23

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Crew 52
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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

- **12 Below Luncheon** | For those who have been attending Thornapple for 12 months or less - join us TODAY in The Commons (former Community Room) following the second service.
- **Small Group Dessert Potluck** | In a small group or interested in joining a small group? Join us TONIGHT at 6:30pm in The Commons (former Community Room) for a dessert potluck! At the end of our evening of sharing stories and community, there will be an chance to connect with your small group or sign up to participate in a new group.
- **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.
- **Men's Ministry Habitat Work Day** | Saturday, Sept. 22 all men are invited to help with work on a house for Habitat - this would be a great opportunity for anyone new to Thornapple or for you to invite friends to join you. Volunteers can sign up for all or part of the day; learn more and sign up: thornapple.org/events/habitatworkday.
- **Movie Viewing and Discussion** | Mass incarceration has a long and complex history in the U.S.; come watch a documentary on the subject and join a discussion afterwards with the Love Mercy Do Justice team on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:00pm in The Commons (former Community Room). Register here: thornapple.org/events/lmdjmovie.
- **New to the Covenant denomination and/or to Thornapple?** We offer a three-part series (Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3; 6:30-8pm) called "What is a Covenant Church?" This is a great way to learn about the denomination and church membership (it is also a prerequisite for church membership). Following the series, we will have a membership class on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 4:00-6:00pm. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/events/covenantchurchclass
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us Friday October 5 at 10:00am for Soup & Study with speakers Chris & Becca Hirt (Thornapple-supported missionaries in Thailand).
- **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 Sept. 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

- ◆ **Trailblazer leaders needed** | No prep needed, just come and hang out with 3rd-5th graders the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-8:00pm. All ages welcome - it's a great chance to get to know the younger generation at Thornapple.
- ◆ **Children's Ministry Needs You** | We are in search of a few more volunteers to fill out our roster downstairs during the 10:30 service on Sunday mornings. 2s/3s teacher (shared role, teaching twice a month); 2nd/3rd grade small group leaders for boys and girls (two people needed, shared role, helping out approximately twice a month). Contact Lynne McLaughlin (lmclaughlin@thornapple.org) for teacher position or Lisa Udell (ludell@thornapple.org) for small group leader positions.
- ◆ **Building Project Update** | Outside, the walls of the multi-purpose addition are nearly to the roof line. Inside, the temporary wall came down, revealing the reconfigured lounge (now Conference Room), the central corridor that will connect the Sanctuary to the addition, the coffee kitchen and newly renovated work spaces. Downstairs, ceiling tiles were installed, walls were painted and you can see the new children/student small group room on the corridor that connects to the addition.
- ◆ **Glenn Van Noord Program** | The reflection papers from the 2018 program participants are available to read at thornapple.org/glennvannoord.
- ◆ **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 and December! For more information, or to RSVP for rehearsal, contact Michael Weller (mweller@thornapple.org).
- ◆ **Have empty soup cans?** We're collecting soup cans for our annual Covenant World Relief collection. If you have any empty, clean Campbell's soup-sized cans, please bring them to the Welcome Center or the copy room at church. Cans will be available to take home to begin collecting sometime in October and the offering can be brought to our Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 6:00pm.

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
- **4s-1st grade** | Children's Worship, both services
- **2nd-5th grade** | Both services [Not 1st Sundays]
- **Trailblazers (3rd-5th)** | 1st/3rd Wed. at 6:30pm, starting Sept. 19

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **MS/HS Huddles** | At 10:30am [Not 1st Sundays]
- **MS JAM/HS ReFuel** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm, starts Sept. 19. MS meet at pick up at Ada Park.
- **HS Night Huddle** | Sunday, Oct. 7
- **MS The Hunt** | Saturday, Oct. 13
- **HS Amazing Race** | Saturday, Oct. 27
- **HS Mullett Retreat** | Nov. 9-11
- **MS Fall Retreat** | Nov. 16-18 at Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp

YOUNG ADULTS | thornapple.org/adults

- **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/adults

- **Soup & Study** | 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 10am. Program, fellowship and lunch.

WOMEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **WholyFit** | Exercise and worship (childcare provided). Classes meets Fridays, 9:30-10:30am.
- **Women's Bible Studies** | Wednesdays at 9:30am (childcare available) and 6:30pm (Precepts only).
- **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/adults

- **Habitat Work Day** | Saturday, Sept. 22
- **Men's Retreat** | Oct. 26-28 at Portage Lake
- **Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, Nov. 17 at 8:00am

