



THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

September 23, 2018

Steadfast

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love, O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with Your light

You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb

In the moment of emptiness
all was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness,
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death,
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness,
You are still God
...

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Steadfast

Call to Worship: Psalm 89:1-4

Jessica Mix

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymn #19

*Lord Most High

*Great Are You, Lord

Prayers of the People

Mike Smith, Elder

Offering

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Scripture

1 John 3:11-24

Josephine Koch

Message

What If We Truly Belonged?

Pastor Rob Peterson

*Children of the Heavenly Father

Hymn #87

*Who You Say I Am

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday 9/23

- 9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship/ Crew 52
- 10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship/ Crew 52/Huddles/Sermon Reflection

Monday 9/24

- 6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men
- 9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer
- 7:00pm • Support Group for Families and Friends of Aging Adults
- 7:30pm • Young Adults Small Group (offsite)

Tuesday 9/25

Wednesday 9/26

- 9:30am • Women's Bible Study
- 6:30pm • Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm • What is a Covenant Church? class
- 6:30pm • Women's Precepts
- 6:30pm • Prayer Gathering
- 6:30pm • LMDJ Movie + Discussion

Thursday 9/27

- 9:30am • Moms on a Mission
- 7:00pm • Financial Peace University (offsite)
- 7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 9/28

- 9:30am • WholyFit

Saturday 9/29

Sunday 9/30

- 9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship/ Crew 52
- 10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship/ Crew 52/Huddles/Sermon Reflection

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.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Men's Ministry Small Group Studies** | Studies kick off this week (four days/times available). Learn more and register: thornapple.org/events/smallgroupmens.
- **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.
- **Financial Peace University** | 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 anyone. If you're interested in learning more about the group, contact Pastor Andrew (avanover@thornapple.org) or register here: fpu.com/1069593.
- **Congregational Meetings** | Everyone is invited to attend an important informational meeting on either Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7pm or Sunday, Oct. 7 at 9am or 10:30am. Pastor Rob will give a review of his sabbatical and a summary of this summer's staff and elder retreat. The elders will also be seeking input on our property on Burton Street and our 2019 budget.
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us Friday Oct. 5 at 10:00am for Soup & Study with speakers Chris & Becca Hirt (Thornapple-supported missionaries in Thailand).
- **Women's Ministry Meet & Eat** | Join us Friday, Oct. 5 as groups of 6-8 gather in a Thornapple host home for dinner. Please register by Sept. 30 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/events/womensmeeteat.
- **MOPS Spring Consignment Sale** | Thursday, Oct. 25 (6:00-8:00pm for \$5 entry), Friday, Oct. 26 (9:00am-1pm; free entry) and Saturday, Oct. 27 (9:00am-Noon; most items half off). Learn more: thornapplemopsconsignmentsale.wordpress.com
- **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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Your generous giving to God's ministry at Thornapple is critical every month of the year. Online giving is available for secure one-time or recurring gifts via bank account, debit card or credit card at thornapple.org/give.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Giving (August 2018)	\$101,521	\$112,710	(\$11,189)
Giving 2018 Year-to-date	\$811,619	\$908,284	(\$96,665)
August 2018 building campaign (restricted)	\$32,207		

Building Fund Gifts to Date, since beginning of campaign: \$2,545,665

NEWS

- ◆ **Congratulations** to Audrey and Nick Heinz on the birth of their son, Owen Matthew, on Sept. 6.
- ◆ **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. Contact Lisa Udell (ludell@thornapple.org) to sign up.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **Membership Class** | If you have completed the three-session "What is a Covenant Church?" class, you are invited to a membership class on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 4:00-6:00pm. Contact Kimberly Korpak (kkorpak@thornapple.org) to sign up.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **How has God gifted you to be part of His Kingdom mission?** We'd like to encourage every follower of Jesus to know and understand how they are equipped to participate in God's work in the world. Please check out this spiritual gifts assessment: freeshapetest.com as a first step in learning more about who God made you to be. Contact Pastor Karen Ingebretson (kingebretson@thornapple.org) with questions.

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

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **MS/HS Huddles** | At 10:30am [Not 1st Sundays]
- **MS JAM** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm
- **HS ReFuel** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 7-8:30pm
- **HS Small Group Sunday** | Second Sundays
- **HS Night Huddle** | Sunday, Oct. 7, 7-9pm
- **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).
- **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).
- **Meet & Eat** | Friday, Oct. 5; register online.

MEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **Men's Small Group Studies** | Start this week, thornapple.org/events/smallgroupmens
- **Men's Retreat** | Oct. 26-28 at Portage Lake
- **Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, Nov. 17 at 8:00am

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SERMON NOTES

Connection Card

Place this card in the offering plate, or hand in at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Street Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
City: _____

If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how you heard about Thornapple Covenant Church? _____

Check all that apply:

- First time Second time
- Visiting with friends/family
- College student
- Regular attendee
- Member
- Update my info

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We're asking EVERYONE to fill out a Connection Card during worship. These cards will give us your contact info and help identify your "next step" or share a prayer request. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or left at the Welcome Center. During the week, staff will follow up with people as needed.



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Bulletins left at the back of the Sanctuary will be recycled.

