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SERMON NOTES

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March 3, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Michael Weller

**Come, People of the Risen King*

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Offering

**This I Believe (The Creed)*

Scripture

Ruth 3:1-13 & 4:13-17

Janelle Mahlmann

Message

The Power of Servanthood

Pastor Rob Peterson

Prayer

Holy Communion

**Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

We practice open communion; all who desire to follow Christ are invited to the Lord's Table.

**Who You Say I Am*

Benediction

**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.

Children's worship resources are available at the back of the Sanctuary by the sound booth.

Room at the Table | On the first Sunday of every month (today!) we encourage you to eat lunch with others after worship to enjoy community together.

Daylight Savings Time starts NEXT Sunday, don't forget to move clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!



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.

Connection Card form with fields for Name, Email, Phone, Street Address, City, State, Zip, and checkboxes for First time, Second time, Visiting with friend/family, College student, Regular attendee, Member, and Update my info.



CALENDAR

Sunday 3/3

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Men's Bible Study
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Sermon Reflection
6:00pm • TSM Oscars

Monday 3/4

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men
9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer
7:00pm • Men's Bible Study

Tuesday 3/5

7:00pm • ENGAGE (offsite)

Wednesday 3/6 | Ash Wednesday

9:30am • Women's Bible Studies
7:00pm • Ash Wednesday Service
7:00pm • Financial Peace University (offsite)

Thursday 3/7

9:30am • MOPS
Noon • Hearts for Sewing
7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 3/8

6:30am • Men's Bible Study
9:30am • WholyFit

Saturday 3/9

8:30am • Men's Bible Study

Sunday 3/10

Daylight Savings Time Starts
9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Men's Bible Study
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Crew 52/Huddles/Sermon
Reflection

Weather Updates | Periodically we may need to cancel events or worship services at Thornapple because of inclement weather. Cancellations are posted online at: thornapple.org/weather and listed with WOOD TV and WZZM TV 13.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Take 5** | Following each service Sunday mornings in March and April, anyone new to Thornapple who is interested in knowing more about the church and ways to connect is invited to come to The Commons, grab coffee and talk with one of our pastors at the cafe tables.
- **Ash Wednesday Worship Service** | Mar.6 at 7:00pm. Childcare provided for children 4 and under. There is no Children's or Student Ministry programming this evening as youth are encouraged to attend the service with their families.
- **Spiritual Disciplines Retreat with Sharon Brown** | All are welcome to a six-session retreat exploring spiritual disciplines during Lent, Tuesdays (Mar. 12-Apr. 16), 9:30-11:30am at Thornapple Community Church (corner of Thornapple River Dr. and Thornhills). Cost is \$75/person. Register at sensibleshoesclub.com using the contact page. Contact Shalini Bennett with questions (shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616.516.9892).
- **MOPS Consignment Sale** | Thursday, Mar. 14 (6:00-8:00pm for \$5 entry), Friday, Mar. 15 (9am-1pm; free entry) and Saturday, Mar. 16 (9:00am-Noon; free entry and most items half off). Learn more, sign up to sell: thornapplemopsconsignmentsale.com.
- **Women's Breathe Retreat at Portage Lake** | Mar. 15-17 at PLCBC. An opportunity to step out of the daily routine with speakers, yoga, jewelry making and more. Learn more and register: portagelake.org/breathe.
- **Choir** | Singers of all ages are invited to join us in singing during both services on Apr. 14 (Palm Sunday). Rehearsals are Mar. 19(Tues.)/27(Wed.) and Apr. 10 (Wed.), 6:30-8:00pm. There will be an additional opportunity to sing in the choir in May. For more information, or to RSVP for rehearsal, contact Michael Weller (mweller@thornapple.org).
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us Friday, Mar. 22 (Note: This is a 4th Friday) at 10:00am. Come enjoy speaker Karen Ingebretson a meal and fellowship.
- **Men's Breakfast** | Sat., Mar. 23 at 8:00am with speaker Cory Hendrickson. Childcare available; learn more and register: thornapple.org/mensbreakfast.
- **Morning of Silence** | Join us for a time of silent reflection on Mar. 23. The morning will start in the Conference Room from 9:30-10:00am with Pastor Rob presenting, "Being with God: The Role of Spiritual Practices in Cultivating Awareness of God." The upper level of the building will be available until Noon for people to spend time in silence.
- **Investment Seminar** | Thornapple is hosting an investment seminar on Sunday, Mar. 31, in The Commons at 11:45am. Join us for light refreshments as Maren Spaulding, Senior Investment Coordinator with National Covenant Properties (NCP), shares how we can be part of the bigger story through investing with NCP. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/ncp.
- **New to the Covenant denomination and/or to Thornapple?**
We offer a three-part series (May 1, 8, 15; 6:30-8:00pm) called "What is a Covenant Church?" This is a great way to learn about the denomination and church membership (it is also a membership prerequisite). Following the series, we will have a membership class on Sunday, May 19 from 4:00-6:00pm. For more details and to sign up: thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass.

NEWS

- ♦ **The first Sunday of each month** all loose cash and donations designated benevolence funds are collected to help those in need in our church family.
- ♦ **The following people** will be serving as delegates for upcoming denominational gatherings:
 - *Great Lakes Annual Celebration* (Apr. 12-13 at Life Church in Canton, MI): Michelle and Simon Bennett, Diane and Jim VanderWall, Rob and Soni Peterson (non-delegates)
 - *Gather '19* (ECC Annual Meeting, June 27-29 at Omaha Hilton in Omaha, NE): Doug and Rhonda Datema, Brian and June Rudy, Karen Ingebretson (non-delegate), Rob and Soni Peterson (non-delegates)
- ♦ **Glenn Van Noord (GVN) Short-Term Urban Missions Program 2019** | College students AND HS juniors and seniors can apply for GVN which gives students the opportunity to work in urban Grand Rapids this summer. Applications are now being accepted until the program is full. Learn more/apply: thornapple.org/glennvannoord.
- ♦ **Worship Arts Volunteers Needed** | Worship Arts is looking for volunteers who are willing to read Scripture during our services on Sunday mornings. We are also in need of tech/AV help for Sunday mornings (training provided) If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact Michael Weller (mweller@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Women's Retreat Planning Team** | Thornapple is the host church for the fall 2019 women's retreat at Portage Lake on Oct. 4-6. Women's Ministry needs a team to help with planning hospitality, activities and promotions. If you are interested, please contact Sarah DeBaets (sdebaets@gmail.com) and/or Diane Kunkler (momofspartans@yahoo.com).
- ♦ **Men's Small Group Studies** | A new study, "Soul Keeping" (John Ortberg) begins in March. There are four meeting options each week: Sundays at 9:00am, Mondays at 7:00pm, Fridays at 6:30am and Saturdays at 8:30am. Please join us as we meet in community with one another, growing together in faith and friendship. Sign up at thornapple.org/smallgroupmens or email Jim Knight (knight.james44@gmail.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
- **4s-1st grade** | Children's Worship, both services
- **2nd-5th grade** | 10:30am only [Not 1st Sundays]
- **Trailblazers (3rd-5th)** | 1st/3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm
- **Summer dates to save** | *Lego Camp* (Fall 1st-6th) June 17-20 (am or pm sessions). *VBS* (Fall K-5th) Aug. 5-9, 9am-Noon. *Registration for both opens Apr. 30.*

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** | Third Sundays
- **MS Mission Trip in Chicago** | Aug. 11-16 for current 6th/7th grade. Learn more and register by Mar. 31: thornapple.org/chicago

YOUNG ADULTS | thornapple.org/adults

- **Small Group** | Mondays, Mar. 11/25, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact Shalini Bennett (shalinibennett@gmail.com) with questions.

HORIZONS | thornapple.org/adults

- **Future events TBA**

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

- **Soup & Study** | Usually 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
- **Breathe Retreat** | Mar. 15-17 at Portage Lake; learn more/register: portagelake.org/breathe

MEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **Men's Small Group Studies** | Four time/day options: Sunday at 9am, Monday at 7pm, Friday at 6:30am and Saturday at 8:30am (all at Thornapple)
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