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SERMON NOTES

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September 1, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Michael Weller

*For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn #56

*Great Things

Greeting

Children's Moment

Offering

*Holy Spirit

Scripture

2 Samuel 22

Matt Hubers

Message

This Is Us: Celebrating Our Lives

Pastor Rob Peterson

Holy Communion

*The Church's One Foundation

(Hymn #579)

*What Wondrous Love

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

*Oh You Bring

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.

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

LOST and FOUND | Missing something? Check out the tables in the Lobby before we donate abandoned items.

Fall Kick-Off | Next Sunday, Sept. 8 we return to two worship services at 9:00 and 10:30am.

During the second service we will have an open house downstairs for children to visit their classrooms and meet their leaders; there will also be an open house upstairs for those interested in the Adult Education Class.



CALENDAR

Sunday 9/1

10:00am • Worship/Nursery
Room at the Table

Monday 9/2 | Office Closed

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men

Tuesday 9/3

Wednesday 9/4

Thursday 9/5

7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 9/6

9:30am • WholyFit

Saturday 9/7

Sunday 9/8

9:00am • Worship/Nursery
10:00am • Classroom Open Houses
10:30am • Worship/Nursery
11:00am • All-Church Potluck (first seating)
11:45am • All-Church Potluck (second seating)

Fall Programming Begins | Sunday, Sept. 15

all of our classes resume their normal schedule:

- 9:00am: Nursery (Birth-3 years); Children's Worship (4s-2nd), Men's Small Group
- 10:30am: Nursery (Birth-3 years); Children's Classes* (4s-5th); MS Huddle* (6th-8th); HS Sunday Study* (9th-12th); Adult Formation
- 6:30pm: HS Huddle

*Please note, these classes do not meet the first Sunday of the month when we encourage families to attend church for all-together worship in the Sanctuary.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **All-Church Potluck** | We're trying something new this year instead of our traditional annual picnic: an All-Church Potluck on Sunday, Sept. 8. We will have two seatings at 11:00am and 11:45am and encourage those attending the first seating to bring their food in disposable pans/containers so they can leave them for the second seating. We will also have a warmer available to keep dishes hot (if needed) while you are in worship. What should you bring? Last name starting with A-L: main dish; M-R: side or salad and S-Z: dessert.
- **Adult Formation** | Be part of an adult group led by a team of teachers studying about our transforming God. join us for a fresh approach to building on our understanding of our faith. The class will meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 with other adults who desire to keep growing, learning and sharing their faith. Classes begin Sept. 15 in the Community Center.
- **Board Game Night** | Anyone high school age and older is invited to join us for board game night in the Community Center, Friday, Sept. 13 at 7:00pm led by JB Hunt (huntjedi@gmail.com). Learn more and sign up: thornapple.org/boardgame.
- **New to the Covenant denomination and/or to Thornapple?** We offer a three-part series (Sept. 18/25, Oct. 2; 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, there is a membership class on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 4:00-6:00pm. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass.
- **Horizons' Benvenuto Italian Dinner Night** | Friday, Sept. 20 at 6:30pm in the Community Center - join us for a night of all things Italian. Learn more and sign up: thornapple.org/italian.
- **Sunday Social** | All ages are invited to a hymn sing followed by an ice cream social, Sunday, Sept. 22 at 6:30pm in the Community Center.
- **Moms on a Mission** | Open to any moms (Thornapple attenders or friends) with school-aged and older children, 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 26. We enjoy brunch, speakers, crafts and local missions projects/ experiences. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/momsonamission.
- **Men's Retreat at Portage Lake** | Join other men from the Great Lakes denomination for a weekend of relaxation, mountain biking, ropes course, chapel, worship and 24-hour bacon station Sept. 27-29. Learn more and register at portagelake.org/mensretreat.
- **12 Below Luncheon** | If you (and your family) have been attending Thornapple for 12 months or less - join us Sunday, Sept. 29 at 11:45am in The Commons. Learn more and sign up: thornapple.org/12below
- **ENGAGE, a workshop for engaged couples** | A new session starts Oct. 1, meeting Tuesday nights in October from 7:00-8:30pm at Mary Free Bed YMCA. Know someone who is engaged? Tell them about this opportunity - learn more and sign up: thornapple.org/engage.
- **Women's Retreat at Portage Lake** | Join other women for a weekend of spiritual uplift, community building and personal retreat. Oct. 4-6. Thornapple Women's Ministry is hosting this year so we'd love to have a big group from our church plan on attending. Learn more and register at portagelake.org/glcwomen.

NEWS

♦ **Children's Ministry Volunteers** | We are looking for adults/teens to serve this coming year:

- Nursery workers 4 times/year, 9:00 or 10:30
- Teacher for 2s/3s, shared position, 9:00 or 10:30
- Large group teachers 1st/2nd, shared
- Teachers/leaders for 4s/Y5/K, shared
- Two 1st/2nd boys small group leaders, shared
- One 1st/2nd girls small group leader, shared
- One 3rd/4th boys small group leaders, shared

If you are interested and available, contact Lisa Udell (ludell@thornapple.org) to sign up!

♦ **MOPS** is looking for seven new teachers for our classrooms (2-3 year olds and 3-4 year olds as well as one gym teacher). Compensation is \$12/hour. We meet every first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30. Please contact LJ Hatfield (lorajanirwin@gmail.com).

♦ **Women's Wednesday Morning Studies** | Join other women for Wednesday morning Bible studies, resuming Sept. 11, with two study options (*The Lamb of God* by Nancy Guthrie [books available at the Welcome Center] and *Spotting the Sacred* by Bruce Main). These groups meet weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/morningstudies.

♦ **Women's Wednesday Evening Study** | Meeting Wednesdays at church from 6:30-8pm starting Sept. 4. Our study material will be *Philippians* by N.T. Wright; everyone is responsible for getting their own study guide (available at Baker Book House). Please come ready to discuss the first chapter and share prayer requests.

♦ **Men's Small Group Study** | You are invited to join a small group and build community with your brothers in Christ. Starting the week of Sept. 16, we will be studying *The Invisible War* by Chip Ingram. There are four time/day options, all meeting at Thornapple: Sundays at 9am, Mondays at 7pm, Fridays at 6:30am or Saturdays at 8:30am. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/smallgroupmens or in the Lobby Sept. 8.

♦ **Praise & Prayer Email** | Did you know we send out a weekly email sharing the praises and prayers of our church family, our community and the rest of the world? If you are interested in receiving this email, please fill out the form at thornapple.org/contact.

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
- **Visit Your Classroom** | Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10:30am
- **Sunday classes** | Resume Sept. 15, both services
- **Trailblazers (3rd-5th)** | 1st/3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm (starts Sept. 18)

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **MS Huddle** | Sundays at 10:30am (starts Sept. 15)
- **HS Sunday Study** | Sundays at 10:30am (starts Sept. 15)
- **HS Huddle** | Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm (starts Sept. 15)
- **HS Bible Study** | 2nd and 4th Friday mornings at 9am at Forest Hills Foods' café, starting Sept. 13.
- **MS JAM (6th-8th)** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm (starts Sept. 18)

YOUNG ADULTS | thornapple.org/adults

- **Small Group** | Meeting typically 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact: Shalini Bennett, shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616-516-9892.

HORIZONS | thornapple.org/adults

- **Italian Night** | *Save the date*: Sept. 20 at church

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

- **Soup & Study** | 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 10am (resumes Sept. 20). Program, fellowship and lunch.

WOMEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **WholyFit** | Meets Fridays, 9:30-10:30am
- **MOPS** | Open to moms with at least one preschool-aged child, 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 19.
- **Moms on a Mission** | For moms with school-aged/ older children, 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 26.
- **Women's Morning Bible Studies** | Resuming Sept. 11. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/morningstudies.
- **Women's Evening Study** | Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm

MEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **Men's Small Group Studies** | Resuming week of Sept. 16; four time/day options: Sunday at 9am, Monday at 7pm, Friday at 6:30am and Saturday at 8:30am. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/smallgroupmens