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SERMON NOTES

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THORNAPPLE
COVENANT CHURCH

October 27, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Michael Weller

***Rejoice**

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

***God with Us**

Greeting

***Lord, I Need You**

Offering

Scripture

Matthew 25: 31-46

April Hunt

Message

Called to Loving Compassion

Pastor Rob Peterson

***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.

Matthew 25 Challenge | Child Sponsorship Opportunity

As we conclude our Matthew 25 Challenge this morning, we invite you to visit the information table in the Lobby to sign up or learn more about sponsoring a child in the D.R. Congo through Covenant Kids Congo.

Fire Drills

We will be conducting fire drills in the Lower Level today during both services. A bell will be rung to simulate an alarm and Children's and Student Ministry coordinators will handle the evacuation; parents should remain in the Sanctuary.



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



CALENDAR

Sunday 10/27

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Men's Small Group
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Classes/MS Huddle/HS Sunday Study/
Adult Formation (Community Center)
6:30pm • HS Huddle

Monday 10/28

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men
6:30pm • Pickleball (co-ed)
7:00pm • Men's Small Group
7:30pm • Young Adults' Small Group

Tuesday 10/29

Wednesday 10/30

9:30am • Women's Morning Studies
6:30pm • Women's Evening Study
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering
6:30pm • MS JAM (Open Gym/Games)

Thursday 10/31

9:30am • MOPS

Friday 11/1

6:30am • Men's Small Group
9:30am • WholyFit
10:00am • Prime Timers' Soup & Study

Saturday 11/2 | DST Ends

8:30am • Men's Small Group

Sunday 11/3

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Men's Small Group
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Classes/MS Huddle/HS Sunday Study/
Adult Formation (Community Center
Right)/College Brunch (Community Center
Left)
6:30pm • HS Huddle

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Daylight Savings Time ENDS Saturday, Nov. 2** | Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.
- **Young Adults' Small Group** | Meeting Oct. 28 at 7:00pm at Su Hecht's home (text Shalini Bennett, 616.516.9892 for info). Gatherings for the rest of the year are Nov. 11/25 and Dec. 9 at the Bennett's home.
- **Pickleball** | Men and women interested in playing, just show up Monday nights in the Community Center (6:30-7:45pm for friendly, less experienced players; 7:45-9:00pm for competitive play). Rackets and balls will be provided and no past experience is needed. Call/text Phil Fox (540-1568 or pcfoxhouse@comcast.net) or Dave Harrell (591-7366 or harrellfam@charter.com) with any questions!
- **MS JAM** | Join us for an extra night of fun, THIS Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 6:30-8:00pm for open gym and games in the Community Center.
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us Friday, Nov. 1 at 10:00am for Soup & Study with speaker Cory Hendrickson.
- **College Student Brunch** | All college students are invited to brunch next Sunday, Nov. 3 following the first service in the Community Center (left side). The van back to Calvin will wait for those who want to stay and eat.
- **Hearts for Sewing** | Meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, 1:00-4:00pm in the Lower Lobby. Sewers and non-sewers are invited to join in making dresses and shorts for the Faith In Deeds children's home in India.
- **Navigating Being Divorced** | Pastor Rob is inviting those who are divorced to gather with him for an important conversation about how Thornapple could care for divorcees. This conversation will take place in the Conference Room at 7:00pm on Thursday, Nov. 14.
- **Men's Breakfast** | Thornapple Men's Ministry invites you to join us Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8am for breakfast, fellowship and speaker Michael Weller. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. Childcare available. Register here: thornapple.org/mensbreakfast.
- **Morning of Silence** | Sat., Nov. 16, 9:30am-Noon, the church will be open for anyone who wants to come spend time in quiet reflection, prayer or reading. 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." All are welcome, no need to sign up.
- **BLESS Initiative Conversations** | Pastor Rob invites anyone who is part of a small group to join him Sunday, Nov. 17, 4:00-5:00pm in the Community Center to talk about the BLESS initiative. Childcare is available; learn more and sign up: thornapple.org/blesstalk.
- **Human Sexuality and the Covenant Church** | Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:00pm in The Commons you are invited to join Pastor Rob for a follow-up conversation regarding the Covenant's view of gay marriage. This past summer, we gathered to talk about decisions made at Gather '19 in Omaha, NE. We talked about the removal of First Covenant Church in Minneapolis and the removal of the ordination of two Covenant Pastors. Childcare is available with registration: thornapple.org/nov19.
- **MS Retreat at Portage Lake** | Nov.22-24 6th-8th grade students are invited (bring friends, too) to the annual fall retreat. Cost is \$110/student (checks payable to TECC, given to Linda Winer any time prior to departure). Learn more and register your student: thornapple.org/msretreat.

NEWS

- ♦ **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered yesterday to make the Thornapple Fall Fest and the HS Amazing Race such wonderful events for our Thornapple family and the greater community!
- ♦ **Mission Service Opportunity** | Every two years Covenant missionaries serving in Asia gather for a time of retreat. Thornapple has been invited to lead the children's programming and worship for the next retreat, March 27-30, 2020, in Seoul, South Korea. Are you interested joining an intergenerational team of 3-5 people who will facilitate programs for around 20 kids, and potentially lead worship for the 60 attendees? The cost is around \$1,250. Contact Pastor Karen (kingebretson@thornapple.org) by Nov. 1.
- ♦ **In the Image Volunteers** | The Love Mercy Do Justice team is seeking 15 volunteers (middle school age and older) to help at In the Image (1823 Division Ave. S, 49507) from 8:30 to Noon, Saturday, Nov. 16. In the Image is a Christian organization that donates clothes, furniture and other supplies to the homeless; volunteers would be restocking, working with clients, organizing linens and other things that would be helpful in the store. To volunteer, contact Kay Stewart (616-920-7088 or khstewart33@gmail.com).
- ♦ **Choir** | The choir will be singing during the Nov. 24 worship services with rehearsals beginning Wed., Nov. 6 at 7:00pm. Anyone interested in joining the choir should email Michael Weller (mweller@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Thanksgiving Worship + Pie** | Our annual Thanksgiving family worship service is Sunday, Nov. 24 at 6:00pm. Childcare will be provided for children up to age 3. We will be collecting Covenant World Relief Soup Cans during the offering. Join us afterwards in the Community Center for fellowship and pie! Anyone interested in making (or purchasing) pies for this gathering should sign up here: thornapple.org/pie.

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 (Birth-5th) | thornapple.org/children

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **Children's Worship** | 4s-1st, lower level, 9:00am
- **Children's Classes** | 4s-5th, lower level, 10:30am
- **Trailblazers (3rd-5th)** | 1st/3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm
- **Trailblazers Retreat at Portage Lake** | Nov. 8-10

STUDENTS (6th-12th) | thornapple.org/students

- **MS Huddle** | Sundays at 10:30am
- **HS Sunday Study** | Sundays at 10:30am
- **HS Huddle** | Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm
- **HS Bible Study** | 2nd and 4th Friday mornings at 6:30am at Forest Hills Foods' café
- **MS JAM (6th-8th)** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm
- **HS Mullett Retreat** | Nov. 8-10
- **MS Retreat at Portage Lake** | Nov. 22-24

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) | 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 (50s-60s) | thornapple.org/adults

- **Jingle Mingle** (progressive dinner) | Save the date Dec. 6.

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

- **Soup & Study** | 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 10am. Program, fellowship and lunch.
- **Christmas Banquet** | Dec. 14, 11:00am-2:00pm

WOMEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **WholyFit** | Fridays, 9:30-10:30am
- **MOPS** | 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings
- **Moms on a Mission** | 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings
- **Women's Morning Studies** | Wednesdays at 9:30am
- **Women's Evening Study** | Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm
- **Advent Event** | Save the Date: Thursday, Dec. 5

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.
- **Men's Breakfast** | Sat., Nov. 16 at 8am