



# THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

May 3, 2020

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome**

Michael Weller

**\*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Hymn #464

**\*Here For You**

**\*Great Things**

**Announcements**

**\*Open Up**

**Scripture**

John 14:1-14

Izzy Hunt

**Message**

More <With> Less | Patience

Pastor Rob Peterson

**\*Come, Light Our Hearts**

**Holy Communion**

**\*We Will Feast at the House of Zion**

**Benediction**

*\*Congregational song*

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**Offering | Your offering can be mailed to the church office  
(6595 Cascade Rd. SE; Grand Rapids, MI 49546) or given online (thornapple.org/giving).**

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our staff and elders, please text "prayer" to 616.207.0725.

If you are our **guest**, please text "book" to 616.207.0725 to receive a free Kindle book.

To **learn more** about Thornapple, please text "hello" to 616.207.0725 so we can connect with you.

Text "difference" to 616.207.0725 to learn about ways you can **make a difference** locally.

**Livestream** | [vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch](https://vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch)



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 5/3

10:30am • Livestream Worship

## Monday 5/4

Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)  
Noon • Daily Turning Points (Online)

## Tuesday 5/5

Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)  
Noon • Daily Turning Points (Online)  
7:00pm • TSM Parent Connect (Zoom)  
8:00pm • Online Prayer Service

## Wednesday 5/6

Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)  
Noon • Daily Turning Points (Online)  
3:00pm • Trailblazer Connect (Zoom)  
6:30pm • What is a Covenant Church?  
Class (Zoom)  
7:00pm • MS Connect (Zoom)  
7:00pm • Prayer Gathering (Zoom)  
8:30pm • Marriage Matters Check-In (Zoom)

## Thursday 5/7

Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)  
Noon • Daily Turning Points (Online)  
6:30pm • Council of Elders  
7:00pm • HS Connect (Zoom)

## Friday 5/8

Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)  
Noon • Daily Turning Points (Online)

## Saturday 5/9

## Sunday 5/10

10:30am • Livestream Worship

**Our facility is currently closed, but our church ministries continue online. We plan on reopening when our state guidelines give permission to do so and we believe it is safe to gather again.**

**All keycards used to enter the building have been disabled and the building is closed to all visitors.**

**Visit [thornapple.org/covid19](https://thornapple.org/covid19) for up-to-date information.**

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **TSM Parent Connect** | Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00pm on Zoom for parents of 8th-12th grade students. Join us for a time to connect, hear what your peers are doing and gain insight/resources for spiritually mentoring your teens. Learn more and get meeting link: [thornapple.org/parentconnect](https://thornapple.org/parentconnect).
- **Online Prayer Service** | Join us online at 8pm Tuesday evenings for a brief service of prayer and worship led by Pastor Rob. Access the service on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/thornapplecov](https://facebook.com/thornapplecov)), Vimeo page ([vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch](https://vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch)) or the Livestream link at [thornapple.org](https://thornapple.org).
- **Prayer Gathering Online** | Each Wednesday at 7:00pm join others in a Zoom meeting to pray aloud/together for the needs of our church and community. Anyone is welcome to join this group, on any Wednesday evening. For more info and links to join the meeting, visit [thornapple.org/prayer](https://thornapple.org/prayer).
- **Daily Turning Points** | Join Pastor Rob each Monday through Friday at Noon (Live on Facebook) for a few moments focused on turning toward God's word (selected Psalms). After the live video has concluded, copies of each day's video will be available on our website for re-watching by anyone with an internet connection (Facebook account not needed): [thornapple.org/daily](https://thornapple.org/daily).
- **Marriage Matters** | The Thornapple Marriage Resource team has launched *Strengthening Your Marriage During COVID-19*. This series will feature brief, timely and topical videos released each Monday with a follow up Zoom meeting each Wed. evening at 8:30pm. Learn more and sign up for text alerts: [thornapple.org/strengthen](https://thornapple.org/strengthen).
- **What is a Covenant Church? Class** | Anyone new to Thornapple and the Evangelical Covenant Church is invited to join us for an online series, Wed. evenings, May 6/13, 6:30-7:30pm. The classes are required for membership, in addition to the Membership class. Learn more: [thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass](https://thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass). Please note, the next Membership Class is Sunday, May 17, 4-6pm.
- **Men's Breakfast** | We're moving the format to online for the next Men's Ministry Breakfast on May 16 at 9:00am. Make yourself a plate of food and join us on Zoom to hear from speaker Jim Smith as he shares some of his story. Learn more and get Zoom link: [thornapple.org/mensbreakfast](https://thornapple.org/mensbreakfast).
- We have a **Care Team** in place to address any needs in our church family (e.g., essential errands). If you or someone you know has a need for this kind of assistance or would like to volunteer for the team, please contact Pastor Karen ([kingebretson@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebretson@thornapple.org)).

## NEWS

- **Congratulations** to Andra and Joel Slabach who were married on March 28. Andra is the daughter of Ed and Tami DeJong.
- **Glenn Van Noord Short-Term Urban Missions Program 2020** | Due to the unknowns related to the pandemic, this program is currently on hold.
- **Virtual Small Group Gatherings** | If you would like to set up an online video meeting with your small group, please contact Pastor Karen ([kingebretson@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebretson@thornapple.org)) and she can schedule a Zoom gathering for your group.
- **Stephens Ministers Available** | During this time of unknowns, if you would like set up a regular time to talk with someone, please contact Pastor Karen Ingebretson ([kingebretson@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebretson@thornapple.org)) and she will connect you with one of our trained Stephens Ministers.
- **Family Promise IHN Hosting** | Thornapple is part of a network of GR churches that partner with Family Promise to help local homeless families. Our next scheduled week is Sept. 20-27. More details coming later in the summer. Learn more: [thornapple.org/ihn](http://thornapple.org/ihn).

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- If you would like to be alerted to needs in our community that you can help with as they arise, please text "difference" to 616.207.0725 to be added to the list.
- **Returnable Cans/Bottles** | UICM is collecting returnables in trailers at River of God Church (4607 68<sup>th</sup> St., Byron Center) and will return them when they are able as a fundraising effort.
- **Donations** | If your household is symptom-free, In the Image is seeking unopened basic need items. Go to [intheimage.org/express-giving](http://intheimage.org/express-giving) to request a drop-off appointment and see what items are needed.
- **Freezer Meals** | UICM is seeking to provide family dinners for around 50 households a week. Thornapple has a cooler outside the office doors where you can leave freezer meals to donate. The cooler will be checked M-F at 3:00pm and any donated meals will be placed in the freezer at church. Visit [thornapple.org/difference](http://thornapple.org/difference) for more info.
- **Masks** | Covenant Living has a huge need for face masks with filter pockets for both staff and residents. Learn more about how to make the masks and where they can be brought for donation: [thornapple.org/difference](http://thornapple.org/difference).

## 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](http://thornapple.org).

- **CHILDREN (Birth-5<sup>th</sup>)** | [thornapple.org/children](http://thornapple.org/children)
- **Trailblazer Connect** | Wednesdays at 3pm (Zoom)

### Children's Ministry Summer Dates to Save

- **Lego Camp** | June 22-25, am or pm
- **VBS** | Aug. 3-6, 9am-Noon  
*Registration opens May 15 for both. Any changes to this schedule will be announced as decided.*

### STUDENTS (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) | [thornapple.org/students](http://thornapple.org/students)

- **HS Bible Study & Liturgy** | M-F at Noon (Zoom)
- **MS Connect** | Wednesdays at 7pm (Zoom)
- **HS Connect** | Thursdays at 7pm (Zoom)
- **MS Mission Trip** | July 11-18
- **HS Camp Week** | July 11-19

### YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

Contact: Shalini Bennett, [shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com) or 616-516-9892.

### HORIZONS (50s-60s) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

### PRIME TIMERS (65+) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

### WOMEN | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

### MEN | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Men's "Breakfast"** | Saturday, May 16 at 9am with speaker Jim Smith. This gathering is being shifted online to Zoom (Meeting ID: Password: .

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Rob Peterson (Senior Pastor)  
Brian Rudy  
Josh Schwannecke  
Jim Smith  
Josh Traughber  
Marc Kole (Treasurer)

Summaries of elder meetings can be found under  
“About Our Elders” at: [thornapple.org/about-us](http://thornapple.org/about-us)

## THORNAPPLE TRANSITION NEWS

### Thornapple is in an exciting time of transition.

Pastor Rob has decided to resign from his position at Thornapple, but has offered to stay with us to help us navigate through the current pandemic. He plans on completing his ministry a few weeks after we are able to meet in person. Watch for plans for a celebration of Pastor Rob's leadership which will be scheduled at the conclusion of his ministry among us. We are so thankful for Rob's ministry for the last ten years, and we are praying for God's wisdom as we plan for our future.

### Update

- Interim Preacher/Pastor search team (Patty Dekker, Josh Schwannecke, Susan Eastburg and previous elder chair Suzanne Lieuwen) continues to meet frequently, reviewing potential candidates for interim preacher/pastor. We are seeking a 1/2-time pastor who would be primarily focused on preaching responsibilities.
- Interim Preacher/Pastor Search team has located a few excellent candidates for this 1/2-time position, and will be scheduling interviews within the next two weeks. Please contact Suzanne Lieuwen with any suggestions for pastors to fill this role.
- The Elders have identified a list of finalists for the Senior Pastor Search Committee and committee chair Sue Smith is now beginning to assemble the committee. Elders hope to formally approve the search committee at their meeting on May 7.

### Please Pray

- For wisdom and discernment for our Interim Pastor search team as they continue screening candidates.
- For Sue Smith and the elder board as they finalize the members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee.
- For God's continued love and care for the Petersons as they continue to trust God as they create their future plans.
- For strength, energy, health, and vision for all of our leaders as we continue to face challenging times.
- For gratitude to God for His blessings as we plan ahead for our future, trusting completely in Him.



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