



THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

May 10, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Michael Weller

***Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

Hymn #19

***10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

***This Is Amazing Grace**

Announcements

High School Senior Recognition

***Be Thou My Vision**

Hymn #412

Scripture

Mark 5:24b-34

Terri Riggle

Message

More <With> Less | Kindness

Pastor Rob Peterson

Pastoral Prayer

***Oh You Bring**

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



CALENDAR

Sunday 5/10

10:30am • Livestream Worship

Monday 5/11

7:30am • Young Adults Liturgy (Zoom)
Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)
Noon • Daily Turning Points (Online)

Tuesday 5/12

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

Wednesday 5/13

7:30am • Young Adults Liturgy (Zoom)
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)

Thursday 5/14

Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)
Noon • Daily Turning Points (Online)
7:00pm • HS Connect (Zoom)

Friday 5/15

7:30am • Young Adults Liturgy (Zoom)
Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)
Noon • Daily Turning Points (Online)

Saturday 5/16

Sunday 5/17

10:30am • Livestream Worship
4:00pm • Membership Class

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 for up-to-date information.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **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), Vimeo page (vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch) or the Livestream link at 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.
- **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.
- **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. Learn more and sign up for text alerts: 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. 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.
- **TSM Parent Connect** | Tuesday, May 19 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.
- **Men's Softball Team** | We're hoping that men's slow-pitch softball with Ada Parks & Rec will still happen this summer. Anyone men interested in being on the team can contact Todd Drenth (twdrenth@gmail.com or 616.204.5670), to express interest.
- 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 (kinegbretson@thornapple.org).

NEWS

- **Children's Ministry Summer Programs** | Due to the uncertainty of our current reality, our traditional summer programs of Lego Camp and VBS will not be happening as planned this summer. As stay-at-home orders are adjusted and we are given new recommendations, we hope to plan some safe, in-person activities. Children's Ministry will keep you informed as these plans are made.
- **Glenn Van Noord Short-Term Urban Missions Program 2020** | Due to the unknowns related to the pandemic, this program is currently on hold.
- **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) 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.

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 68th 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 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 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.

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
• **Trailblazer Connect** | Wednesdays at 3pm (Zoom)

STUDENTS (6th-12th) | thornapple.org/students
• **HS Bible Study & Liturgy** | M/W/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
Contact: Shalini Bennett, shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616-516-9892.

• **Young Adults Liturgy** | M/W/F at 7:30am (Zoom)

HORIZONS (50s-60s) | thornapple.org/adults

PRIME TIMERS (65+) | thornapple.org/adults

WOMEN | thornapple.org/adults

MEN | 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:837 3711 6930 Password: breakfast).

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

THORNAPPLE TRANSITION NEWS

Thornapple is in an exciting time of transition.

Pastor Rob has accepted a wonderful new position serving the Evangelical Covenant Church in Canada, and has announced that his last service at Thornapple will be Sunday, May 24. We are thankful for Rob's ministry for the last ten years, and especially thankful that he has helped us transition into this time of “virtual” ministry. We are praying for Rob and Soni as they prepare for this wonderful new ministry opportunity. We are also praying for God's wisdom as we plan for our future at Thornapple.

Update

- Our interim pastor search team has located a very strong candidate to serve as our interim pastor. The team has already conducted two interviews with this individual and the Elders discussed his candidacy in detail at their meeting last Thursday.
- The Elders will be meeting (via Zoom) with this candidate on Monday, May 11 to make a decision regarding whether we should move forward into the next step of the process.
- Sue Smith, chair of the Senior Pastor Search Committee, met with the Elders last Thursday and presented the list of members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee for consideration. The Elders are praying for discernment and plan on formally appointing this committee at their meeting on May 21.

Please Pray

- For wisdom and discernment for our Interim Pastor search team and Elders as they consider this very strong candidate to serve in our interim period.
- For Sue Smith and the Elders as they finalize the members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee.
- For God's continued love and care for the Petersons as they finalize their plans.
- For Pastor Rob as he finalizes plans to work with the ECC in Canada and for continued success in his ministry as he leaves us.
- 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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