



THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

May 24, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Call to Worship

Michael Weller

***King of Heaven**

***Cornerstone**

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

***How Firm a Foundation**

Hymn #437

Scripture

John 21:15-25

Don Scamehorn

Message

More <With> Less | Gentleness

Pastor Rob Peterson

***Holy Spirit**

Service of Farewell

***Aaron's Blessing**

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 5/24

10:30am • Livestream Worship
Noon • Pastor Rob + Soni Farewell
Drive-Thru

Monday 5/25 | Memorial Day

Tuesday 5/26

Wednesday 5/27

Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)
3:00pm • Trailblazer Connect (Zoom)
7:00pm • MS Connect (Zoom)

Thursday 5/28

7:00pm • HS Connect (Zoom)

Friday 5/29

Noon • HS Bible Study & Liturgy (Zoom)

Saturday 5/30

Sunday 5/31

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 for up-to-date information.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Online Prayer Service** | Note: Due to the holiday this week and the transition, we will not be holding the Prayer Service THIS WEEK, May 26.
- **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.
- **Blood Drive** (Partnership with Thornapple and Cascade Fellowship) | American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wed., May 27 and June 3 between 11:00am and 5:00pm at Cascade Fellowship. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, an appointment is needed. **Volunteers are also needed to help with the drive: loading/unloading supplies; greeting and screening donors; serving post-donations snacks—all with proper social distancing for the safety of everyone.** Visit thornapple.org/difference to learn how to sign up to donate or volunteer.
- **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 (kingebretson@thornapple.org).

NEWS

- **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. Phil and Brenda Veen have offered to collect cans on their front porch and deliver them to Byron Center as needed.
- **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 (checked M-F at 3pm) where you can leave freezer meals to donate. 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)
- **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.

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)
- **HS Camp Week and MS Mission Trip** | These trips have been cancelled. We are looking into options to safely serve and travel more locally this summer and will share those opportunities as they are determined.

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

Contact: Shalini Bennett, shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616-516-9892.

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

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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. We are celebrating the end of Pastor Rob's ministry TODAY, as he has accepted a wonderful new position serving the ECC in Canada. We are so thankful for Rob's ministry for the last ten years, and for his help as we have transitioned into this time of “virtual ministry”. We are praying for Rob and Soni as they begin this wonderful new ministry opportunity. We are also praying for God's wisdom as we begin to execute our plans for our future at Thornapple.

Update

- Our Elder Board is in final stages of negotiation with a wonderful interim pastor, who we are planning on joining our team on July 1. This individual is uniquely gifted to walk with us in this time of transition. He is an ECC pastor who was highly recommended by our conference superintendent, Garth McGrath. We are excited to benefit from his leadership during this transition time.
- At last Thursday's meeting, the Elders approved the members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee. This committee, under the capable leadership of Sue Smith, will begin its work within the next two weeks. The committee includes: Michelle Bennett, Stephanie DeMeester, Todd Drenth, Susan Harrell, Kim Hoekstra, Jim Knight, Brian Peneycad, Beth Read, Jim Smith, Sue Smith, Andrew Twining and Roy Williams.

Please Pray

- For wisdom and discernment for our Elders as they work through the details and negotiation with our potential interim pastor.
- For Sue Smith and the Senior Pastor Search Committee as it begins its work to locate our next senior pastor.
- For a sense of peace for everyone who has been involved in the interim pastor search process.
- For Pastor Rob as he begins his work with the ECC in Canada in a couple of weeks 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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