



# THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

## Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018 | 9:00 and 10:30am

### *In the Hours*

In the hours of pain and sorrow  
 When the world brings no relief  
 When the eye is dim and heavy  
 And the heart oppressed with grief  
 While blessings flee  
 Savior Lord, we trust in thee  
 Savior Lord, we trust in thee!

When the snares of death surround us  
 Pride, ambition, love of ease  
 Money with its false allurements  
 Words that flatter, smiles that please  
 Then ere we yield  
 Savior Lord, be thou our shield  
 Savior Lord, be thou our shield

Thou the hated and forsaken  
 Thou the bearer of the cross  
 Crowned of thorns and  
 mocked and smitten  
 Counting earthly gain but loss  
 When scorned are we  
 We joy to be like thee  
 We joy to be more like thee!

Thou the Father's best beloved  
 Thou the throned and sceptered King  
 Who but thee should we adoring  
 All our prayers and praises bring?  
 So blessed are we  
 Savior Lord in loving thee  
 Savior Lord in loving thee  
 Savior Lord in loving thee

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

*In the Hours*

### **Call to Worship**

Michael Weller

### **\*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

Hymn #228

### **\*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

### **\*This Is Amazing Grace**

### **Offering**

### **Choral Piece**

*Behold the Lamb of God  
 (from Handel's Messiah)*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 23:26-43

Dave Sharp

### **Practice of Letting Go**

### **Choral Piece**

*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

*(Text: Girolamo Savonarola; Music: Deborah Governor)*

### **Message**

#JESUS: Conversation

Pastor Rob Peterson

### **\*Lord, I Need You**

### **Grace of Christ Testimony**

Bill Post

### **\*Take My Life**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*\*Congregational song*

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*The Prayer Team will be under the cross following both services 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.*

**Sanctuary Art** | Throughout Lent we invite you to take in the desert scene and consider how Jesus is asking you to let go and depend on him as we journey toward Easter. We also invite you to read the Lent Art Reflection from Worship Ministries at [thornapple.org/lent](http://thornapple.org/lent).

**Easter Flowers for Sanctuary** | Easter flowers can be ordered in honor or in memory of someone for \$5; order envelopes are available at the Welcome Center. Flowers can be picked up after the second service on Easter Sunday.

# CALENDAR

## Sunday 3/25 | Palm Sunday

9:00am • Children's Worship/Crew 52  
10:30am • Children's Worship/Crew 52/Huddle/  
Sermon Discussion  
11:30am • Reception for Ram

## Monday 3/26

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men  
7:00pm • ENGAGE Workshop (offsite)  
7:00pm • Support Group for Caregivers of  
Aging Adults

## Tuesday 3/27

9:00am • Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast (offsite)  
7:00pm • Financial Peace University

## Wednesday 3/28

9:30am • Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm • Women's Precepts

## Thursday 3/29 | Maundy Thursday

7:00pm • Maundy Thursday Service

## Friday 3/30 | Good Friday

8:00pm • Good Friday Service

## Saturday 3/31

## Sunday 4/1 | Easter Sunday

**Are you connected?** Would you like to receive our weekly email newsletter and future communications from our pastoral staff and ministries. Sign up at: [thornapple.org/contact-us](http://thornapple.org/contact-us).

## Worship Resources

To help you worship throughout the week, we've prepared Worship Resources (music playlists, weekly scripture readings and all-church verse of the month cards) available online ([thornapple.org/worshipresources](http://thornapple.org/worshipresources)) and at the Welcome Center.

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Reception for Ram Aryal** | The Thornapple church family is invited to reception for Ram and Tara TODAY following the second service in the Community Room. Come show your appreciation for Ram as he concludes his ministry with Thornapple.
- **Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast** | All are invited on Tuesday, Mar 27 at 9:00am at Cascade Christian Church (2829 Thornapple River Drive SE) with speaker Rev. Paul Wesselink, retired pastor of Thornapple Community Church.
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60+ is invited to join us Friday, April 6 and 20 at 10:00am with speaker Bob Worcester and a homemade lunch. Learn more at [thornapple.org/soupandstudy](http://thornapple.org/soupandstudy).
- **Urban Plunge** | Saturday, Apr. 14, 8:30am-12:30pm for individuals AND families (childcare for infant-K) and includes lunch. It will be a great chance to serve in urban ministries in Grand Rapids AND get to know others from Thornapple while you serve. Learn more and register at [thornapple.org/urbanplunge](http://thornapple.org/urbanplunge). Be sure to sign up before you leave on spring break!
- **Is your child ready for communion, or would like to learn more?** We are offering a class led by Pastor Rob and Lynne McLaughlin on Tuesday, Apr. 17 from 7:00 to 8:00pm in Room 120 to help parents and children decide readiness for communion and to ask questions if they are already partaking in communion. Email Lynne ([lmclaughlin@thornapple.org](mailto:lmclaughlin@thornapple.org)) with questions.
- **MS Believe Conference** | Friday Apr. 20-Saturday, Apr. 21; \$65/student (before Mar. 20) - invite your friends! The event is designed specifically for junior high students and takes place at Hope College (we'll be sleeping back at Thornapple). Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/believe](http://thornapple.org/believe).
- **Women's Ministry Bowling Night** | Join us Friday, April 27 from 7:00-9:00pm at Clique Bowling Alley (533 Stocking Ave. NW). Feel free to invite your friends - registration ([thornapple.org/bowling](http://thornapple.org/bowling)) is open until we fill up (we're renting the upstairs so space is limited to 8 lanes for bowling).
- **New to the Covenant denomination and/or to Thornapple?** We offer a three-part series (May 2, 9, 16; 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, we will have a membership class on Sunday, May 20 from 4:00-6:00pm. For more details and to sign up, visit: [thornapple.org/membership](http://thornapple.org/membership).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Your generous giving to God's ministry at Thornapple is critical every month of the year.

Online giving is available for secure one-time or recurring gifts via bank account, debit card or credit card at [thornapple.org/give](http://thornapple.org/give).

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Giving (February 2018)	\$88,638	\$106,006	(\$17,368)
Giving 2018 Year-to-date	\$186,418	\$210,044	(\$23,626)
2018 building campaign (restricted)	\$112,630.60		

Building Fund Gifts to Date, since beginning of campaign: \$2,129,717.58

# NEWS

- ◆ **Thank you** to all who donated items for the Safe Haven reverse offering. The women and children who are ministered to by Safe Haven are so thankful for your generosity.
- ◆ **Easter Photo Booth Volunteers** | We are going to be having a family photo booth on Easter Sunday before and after both services and are looking for 6 volunteers to staff the booth. We need a photographer (church will provide the camera) and an assistant at each of the following times: 8:30-9:00am; 10:00-10:30am and 11:30am-Noon. Please contact Kimberly Korpak ([kkorpak@thornapple.org](mailto:kkorpak@thornapple.org)) if you can help.
- ◆ **Would you like to get connected by serving at Thornapple?** We are looking to expand our Greeter and Usher teams. Greeters welcome people to worship and help guests get where they need to go in the building. Ushers welcome people to the sanctuary for worship and gather the offering. If you have any questions or you'd like to join one of these teams, please connect with Pastor Karen ([kingebretson@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebretson@thornapple.org)).
- ◆ **Missionaries in Need of Housing** | Chris and Becca Hirt (Wycliffe Bible Translators serving in Thailand) will be home on furlough the second half of 2018. Do you have, or know of, a place (fully furnished would be ideal/preferred) for their family of five to live from mid-June through mid-Dec? Contact Pastor Karen ([kingebretson@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebretson@thornapple.org)) if you can help.
- ◆ **Glenn VanNoord Short-Term Urban Missions Program** | College students AND high school juniors, seniors are invited to apply for the GVN Program to work in urban GR this summer. We will be accepting applications through May 1 or until the program is full. Learn more at [thornapple.org/glennvannoord](http://thornapple.org/glennvannoord).
- ◆ **Twelve 12:Hope Child Trauma Training Donations** | Tim Friesen is preparing for his next trip to Mongolia on Apr. 28. Buying supplies for the training sessions is one way you can help support this ministry. Visit [thornapple.org/twelvehope](http://thornapple.org/twelvehope) to learn more and sign up to donate supplies.
- ◆ **If you know a subcontractor** who would be interested in bidding on work for our building project, please email [build@thornapple.org](mailto:build@thornapple.org) by Tuesday, Mar. 27. Our contractor, GDK, will be looking to supplement the team with roofers, masons, drywallers, painters, site work, concrete, etc. All subcontractors must meet GDK's pre-qualification requirements. If you have questions contact Simon Bennett, Ron Wassenaar or Kirk Mortenson.

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

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, both services, lower level
- **4s-1<sup>st</sup> grade** | Children's Worship, both services
- **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade** | Crew 52, both services [*Not 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.*]
- **Trailblazers (3rd-5th)** | 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 6:30pm

## STUDENTS | [thornapple.org/students](http://thornapple.org/students)

- **MS/HS Huddles** | At 10:30am [*Not 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays*]
- **MS JAM/HS ReFuel** | 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 6:30pm
- **HS Small Group Sunday** | Second Sundays
- **MS Believe Conference** | Apr. 20-21
- **TSM 5K** | Sat., May 5 at 9am at Cascade Park

## YOUNG ADULTS | [thornapple.org/youngadults](http://thornapple.org/youngadults)

- **Small Group** | 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact Shalini Bennett [shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com).
- **Lunch** | Young adults are invited to lunch the first Sunday of every month (after second service) at the Bennett's home (address above).

## PRIME TIMERS (60+) | [thornapple.org/primetimers](http://thornapple.org/primetimers)

- **Soup and Study** | Program and lunch; 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays from 10:00am-12:30pm.

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

- **Women's Bible Studies** | Wed. at 9:30am/6:30pm
- **WholyFit** | Exercise and worship; for women of all ages; meets Fridays from 9:30-10:30am.
- **Ladies Bowling Night** | Fri., Apr. 27, 7-9pm

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

- **Monday Mornings** | Fellowship and prayer 6:30-7:30am. Contact Kirk Mortenson ([kirkdmortenson@gmail.com](mailto:kirkdmortenson@gmail.com)) for location or with questions
- **Men's Small Groups** | [thornapple.org/man2man](http://thornapple.org/man2man)
- **Men's Breakfast** | Sat., May 12 at 8:00am

## NEPALI-SPEAKING | [thornapple.org/nepali](http://thornapple.org/nepali)

- **Worship** | Sundays in Community Room at 10am; Sunday school 9:00-9:30am; Rehearsal at 9:30am

