9:30 a.m. The Fourth Sunday in Lent, Yr. C March 27, 2022

 The Reverend Susan E. Kerr Mr. Alan Newman

 Minister and Pastor Organist and Music Director

* Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

**\***Indicates liturgical materials used from Seasons of the Spirit©

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

ORGAN PRELUDE “Wondrous Love” Samuel Barber

 “The Old Rugged Cross” Don Hustad

CHIMES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT FOR LENT #774**  **“Bread of the World In Mercy Broken”**

*Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,*

*by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:*

*look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;*

*and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed!*

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**
 L: Do you feel it? God's kingdom is beneath our feet.
**ALL: We live in the new creation shaped by God out of our brokenness.**
L: Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ

has shattered our ways of viewing people.
**ALL: No longer do we label our sisters and brothers,**

**we welcome them with open arms.**
L: Do you believe it? God has made everything, including us, new,
**ALL: and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!**

**UNISON GATHERING PRAYER**

Let us turn towards the Father, who runs out to meet us
even if we feel far off.

Let us turn towards the Son, who reconciles us to God
making us all a new creation.

Let us turn towards the Spirit, who meets with us here
filling us with hope and peace.

Father, Son and Spirit, we turn towards You with expectant

minds and hopeful hearts.

Transform us anew. Amen.

SALUTATION AND **SHARING of the Peace** *(Remain seated.)*

 L: Peace be with you! **ALL:** **AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

###### HYMN #557 “OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION \***

 On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make, but hope you will ignore *our* foolish choices.
 Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home. *(silent reflection)*

**KYRIE ELEISON (sung) #823**

 *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
 L: God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain,

 our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation.

 What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!
 **ALL: Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled**

 **with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced**

 **us with mercy. Amen.**

THE LAW OF GOD

* GLORIA PATRI #805

 ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the***

 ***beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end; Amen, Amen.***

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 32 Luke [15:1-3, 11b-32](http://www.textweek.com/mtlk/lk15.htm)

###### SERMON HYMN #242 “IN THE GARDEN” *(remain seated)*

SERMON “The Tale of Two Lost Sons” The Rev. Susan Kerr

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

THE WORSHIP OF GIVING: OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

* DOXOLOGY  **#809** (The Worshiping Church hymnal)

**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.**

 **Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”**

* Prayer of Dedication of our Gifts and Tithes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be*

 *done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our*

 *debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from*

 *evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

* **HYMN** **#794 “WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING?”**
* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “O God of Earth and Altar” James Mansfield

**THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH**

 Elders: Karen DiBella (2022) Scott Benell (2023) Carol Sushko (2023, 2nd term)

 Deacons: Brianna Polbos (2021) John Passarotti (2022) Richard Schmude (2023)

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*Narrow Way* by David Hayward

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*Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!*

*If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please leave your contact*

*information in the guest book before leaving today.*

**We encourage you to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home to**

**share** **with a member of your family, or with a friend.**

Purple is a color of both penitence and royalty used during preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. In the Christian church year, we recognize two major cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle(Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. Between each cycle follows an ordinary time of growth symbolized by the color green in the Seasons After the Epiphany and After Pentecost. Therefore, there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year, with Pentecost Sunday using red for the Spirit.

**Prayer Chain:** If you would appreciate adding the power of prayer in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456.

Your prayer requests are uplifted by the prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.



**Church Family Prayer List:**

**●Barbara ●Katie ●Michael ●Margaret**

Those with chronic conditions and their loving care-givers; those undergoing medical

procedures and those who are recovering; those in mourning; those fighting cancer; all who are

seeking spiritual and emotional well-being. Pray for Peace.

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**300 YEARS AS A CONGREGATION CELEBRATION IN 2023:** Can you volunteer to serve on the celebration committee? Contact the office to learn more about potential plans.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Dedication Forms are available in the Library and throughout the building. Please return your forms by April 10th .

**Thank you to the Frohlich Family for hosting Coffee Hour today.**

If you are interested in hosting, sign up sheet is available in the Auditorium or you may contact the office.

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**Join Pastor Susan on Wednesdays for 11 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study.**

 **We meet in the Church House Lounge. All are welcome!**

 Bring your own Bible or use one of ours.

*It is expected that participants are fully vaccinated.*

**Congratulations to all of our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!**

**Happy Birthday!**

4/3 Richard Suson - 4/4 Scott Benell - 4/5 Ray Suson - 4/5 Eleanor Woerner

4/8 Rich Schmude - 4/12 Linda Treacy - 4/16 Tiffany Sanders - 4/17 Aiden Kenny

4/20 Seppo Karkkainen - 4/23 Ashton DiBella - 4/25 Kay Hughes

4/30 Terry Kenny - 4/30 Brittany Lissemore-Bohan

 **ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY** **PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN THE AUDITORIUM FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**The Fellowship Committee is in need of Electric Griddles!**

**If you can loan us one for the day, please contact the office.**

Sunday, April 10, 2022 following 9:30 a.m. worship.

**Adults $7.00, Children $3.00 - Pay at the door.**

Sign up sheet is available in the Auditorium, or contact to the office to reserve your space.

**THRIFT SHOPPE NEWS. . .**

**Thanks to all of our amazing volunteers and our abundant donation of new shoes, our total sales for March was $3,187.00!!!** Our next sale is on 4/9.Become a Thrift Shoppe volunteer, Tuesday mornings between9:30-11:30 a.m.  We continue to accept donations on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays by appointment between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. $1,000 of the proceeds is being given to the RCA Displaced Persons Relief Fund for Ukraine.

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**TUESDAY TODDLERS**: TUESDAYS 9 - 10:30 a.m.

 Snack set up volunteer needed, 9:30 - 10:05.

 **CELEBRATION CHOIR FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER**

A group of singers rehearse the music for Palm Sunday and Easter following worship every Sunday.  Everyone is invited to join us.  We will rehearse in the Choir Loft in church today.  This is to get used to singing with the sound of the organ. Men are needed and urged to join us.  The music is easy and we will join our families in the pews early in the service. Come join us as we raise our voices in praise!



**A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 2022**

 3/30,4/6,13 Lenten Bible Study 7 – 8:30 p.m.

 4/9 Thrift Shoppe 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

 4/10 Palm Sunday/Holy week begins

 Pancake Breakfast in the Auditorium following worship

 4/15 Good Friday/Stations of the Cross 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

 4/17 Easter Sunrise Service

 Gather at the Cross 6:00 a.m.

 Easter Family Service 9:30 a.m.