

# OLD NORTH CHURCH

*Our mission is to follow Christ and proclaim his word  
in a lost and broken world so loved by God.*

**August 31, 2025**

**9:30 A.M.**

Reverend Debbie Rundecker  
Minister of Word and Sacrament

Mr. Alan Newman  
Organist and Music Director

## WE APPROACH GOD

**PRELUDE**      “In Summer”      Charles Stebbins  
                  “To a Wild Rose”      Edward Mac Dowell

### **GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #99**      “When Morning Guilds the Skies”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      *adapted from Psalm 9*  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**  
The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.  
**And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

**HYMN #470**      “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

**Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession**  
**Holy and Gracious God,**      *adapted from ministrymatters.com*  
**The tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence. Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts. We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world— those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love and one another. We ask this in Jesus’ name, amen**  
*....a time of silence is kept...*

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

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**  
**THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU!**  
**AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

### **LIVING THE WAY OF JESUS**

**\*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.***

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**      Jonah 1, 2, 3, and 4      Nate Schmude  
**SERMON HYMN #557**      “Open My Eyes, That I May See”  
**SERMON**      “The Big Gulp”

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**\*Heidelberg Catechism**  
**OFFERING**  
**OFFERTORY**      “Simple Gifts”      Keneth Kosche  
  
**\*DOXOLOGY #809**  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #523 “Trust and Obey”

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING SONG

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE “Rejoice!” Noel Goemanne

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

**Welcome to Old North.** *We are pleased you chose to worship with us today!  
Please fill out a welcome card if you would like us to have a record of your visit, more  
information about Old North, or wish to be contacted by the Pastor.*

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.



**THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH**

ELDERS: Jon Babicz, Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Carol Sushko

DEACONS: Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos, Richard Schmude

Minister and Pastor: Debbie Rundecker

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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 in the entrance to the sanctuary before leaving today.

**We encourage you to keep this copy of the bulletin and take it home to share with a family member or with a friend. The service can be experienced anytime online via Old North's YouTube channel or Facebook page.**



A Blessing of backpacks and briefcases is a religious service, typically held by churches before the start of the school year, where students, teachers, and professionals bring their bags to receive a prayer for a year of learning, growth, and productivity. It is a way for congregations to show support and offer spiritual encouragement to those heading back to school or work, and the blessing often extends to all types of bags and even tools of a trade.

**Prayer Chain:** If you wish to add 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 our prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.



**Church Family Prayer List:**

• Diana • Ethan • Helen • Katie • Michael • Tom

**For those chronic conditions and their loving caregivers; those seeking employment or vocation; those facing medical procedures or recovering from surgery, and safety for all who are traveling. Prayers for all who serve in the military, home and abroad and for all first responders.**

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

**Ushers & Greeters:** Carol McCarthy & Rich Schellberg  
**Thank you to the Scout Troop 64 for hosting Coffee Hour.**

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
9/7	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Ethan Cordova	Rally Day Picnic at the Parsonage
9/14	Nancy Gorman, Linda Treacy	Rene Gallagher
9/21	Mikayla & Nate Schmude	Deb Connolly & Brianna Polbos

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



8/2 Kate Kenny – 8/4 Pat Hooey – 8/13 Carol Sushko  
8/17 Sandra Hooey – 8/24 Sandra Toscano  
9/5 Maureen Van Buren – 9/9 Nancy Gorman – 9/9 Shawn Gorman  
9/17 Dawn Bennewitz – 9/17 Jack Erhard



Our next Consistory Meeting will be on September 21<sup>st</sup> following worship in the Lounge.

**HELP WANTED:** We are seeking Liturgists to help lead worship. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Auditorium.



**1<sup>st</sup> Day of Sunday School - Rally Day BBQ Potluck:** Pastor Debbie is excited to host our Rally Day Picnic at the Parsonage next Sunday following worship. The rain date will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the Auditorium. Sign up to bring your favorite side dish or dessert.



**Bring a lawn chair if you have one.**

**Grimes Fund Scholarship:** We are pleased to present Nick DiBella with the Grimes Fund Scholarship. Nick has been an important part of Old North and has always gone above and beyond to serve Old North and our community. *Congratulations Nick!*



**Blessing of the Backpacks:** Whether you travel to work or to school or to Bingo, we invite all to bring their bags to be blessed next Sunday!

**Old North Thrift Shoppe Grand Re-Opening!** Our next sale will be on 9/6. We are accepting donations on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. With fewer people receiving the newspaper we are low on wrapping materials for our sales. If you have newspapers to recycle we will gladly take them!

**Our Steeple renovation is complete!** The real gold painted weather vane serves as a beacon for people to be able to find us and Jesus living in us.

