

OLD NORTH CHURCH

DIVINE WORSHIP

APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Fanfare”
Toccata on "The Strife Is O'er"

Francis Jackson
Alfred Fedak

CHORAL PRELUDE

“Allelu!”

Women’s Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

INTROIT

“Because He Lives”
Women's Choir

William Gaither

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: O Lord, you have turned our mourning into dancing!

ALL: You have taken away our funeral clothes, and re-clothed us in joy.

LEADER: Today, at Easter, you have done a new thing.

ALL: So that we might sing praise to you and never be silent.

*HYMN #234

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Seated)

LEADER: St. Paul calls us to confession this morning.

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” All we like sheep have gone astray. Let us pray.

ALL: Risen Christ, the world despised and rejected you. You responded with grace, humility, and welcome. The proud questioned your power, devised your death. You responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life. Forgive us, Merciful One, of our arrogance, our selfishness, our scheming, our violence. Forgive us, Merciful One, and make us like you. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

(sung)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LEADER: Listen to these words of comfort and absolution.

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.”

ALL: Thanks be to 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.

*SALUTATION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

LEADER: Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*HYMN #247

“The Day of Resurrection”

Lancashire

A TIME FOR OUR YOUTH (Children remain in the Sanctuary)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:1-9

John 20:1-9

SERMON HYMN #250

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Llanfair

PRAYER FOR THE INSPIRATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

“Living Words”

*APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Michael Burkhardt

***DOXOLOGY**

*"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."*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 #251** "Thine Is the Glory" Maccabeus

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

***PARTING SONG** Eidelweiss

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 Toccata from "Suite Gothique" Leon Boellman

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

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
Interim Minister: The Rev. Linden DeBie ✠ Classis Supervising Minister: The Rev. Rob Miller



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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

We are pleased you chose to worship with us today! 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.



The flowers on the chancel are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Easter by our Thrift Shoppe Committee.



INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT OLD NORTH? If you are interested in becoming a member of Old North by (re)affirmation of faith or transfer, please contact the office to schedule a meeting with an Elder.

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:

- Cliff • Doris •Diana •Janet •Katie •Mary •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.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

**Ushers & Greeters: Marianne Schmude and Mikayla Schmude
Happy Easter!**

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
4/27	Ethel Reitsema, Linda Treacy	Cheryl Rodgers, Kay Hughes
5/4	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Nancy Gorman	The Apriceno Family
5/11	Steven Cordova, Nate Schmude	Maureen Van Buren
5/18	Carol McCarthy, Gail McNeill	The Frohlich Family

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



Happy Birthday!

4/4 Scott Benell – 4/8 Rich Schmude – 4/12 Linda Treacy
4/16 Janet Fleck – 4/16 Tiffany Sanders – 4/20 Seppo Karkkainen
4/23 Ashton DiBella – 4/25 Kay Hughes



Thrift Shoppe: Donations are accepted on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Consider donating when you start your spring cleaning! Our next sale is May 10th.

Pancake Breakfast: Thank you to all who volunteered and attended our annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast.



Capital Project Fund: Keep in your prayers our Capital Project Fund. The fund has been set up to maintain our beautiful Sanctuary and property. Contributions can be made by check to Old North or cash clearly labeled **CPF**.

Easter Flowers: If you contributed towards the Easter flowers, feel free to take them at the end of the service today.

