

OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

August 2, 2026

9:30 A.M.

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

"We can find ourselves in the middle of God's perfect will and in the middle of a perfect storm at the same time!" - David Jeremiah, What Are You Afraid Of?

Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts"

Kenneth Kosche

"Beach Spring"

"Dove of Peace"

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

"Gather Us In"

(Insert)

*Call to Worship

adapted from Peace Making Through Worship

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .

We worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .

We worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war . . .

We worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .

We worship a God who gives life meaning.

In the midst of a world where nothing is certain...

We worship a God whose grace and love are sure.

*HYMN #517

"The Solid Rock"

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us when we are shallow, seeking a quick blessing or a fast favor from you without being willing to invest fully in a trusting, committed relationship with you. Forgive us when we are one sided, asking always for mercy and compassion, but not returning the same. Forgive us when we approach you begging for guidance and direction but then neglect to follow your instructions. Forgive us when we cry out with our pressing questions but then stop listening for your answers.

Spirit, search our hearts as we quiet them before you, that we may confess our sin and receive forgiveness.

...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

Matthew 6:9-13 (Complete Jewish Bible)

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SERMON HYMN #584

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

SERMON

"Thy Kingdom Come"

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Insert)

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. The only requirement is a desire to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. The elements will be distributed by our Elders and Deacons, please hold them and we will partake together.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Pilgrim Chorus"

Richard Wasgner

*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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER – A paraphrase of the Lord’s Prayer *adapted from flatironschurch.org*

God, we want everyone to know who You really are

–a loving, powerful, trustworthy Father.

We want more and more people to follow You and acknowledge You as king

–You’re the only one who can lead us to a full life

Provide what we need...

-You alone know what we *really* need help us to be grateful for what we have.

Help us understand just how much grace You’ve given us

-Give us the strength to give grace to the people in our lives

And God, put us in situations that help our faith in You grow

-but protect us from situations that would crush us

For yours is the only rule and authority that matters

-So may it be now and forever!

*HYMN #60 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*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 “National Glory is Restored”

Robert Powell

*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: Jena Rand-Babicz, Jon Babicz, Rich Schmude, Carol Sushko

DEACONS: Nick DiBella, Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos



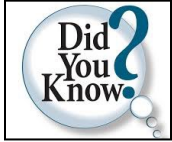
Thy Will Be Done

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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book at the entrance to join our mailing list. Please fill out a welcome card if you would like more information about Old North or a visit from our Pastor. We are so glad you are here today.



As we continue our Backpack Drive it is interesting to note the history of public education in the United States. It is a complex narrative that began in the 17th century with the establishment of compulsory education laws in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Over the centuries, public education evolved significantly, influenced by various historical movements such as urbanization and industrialization. Specialized schools for children with disabilities emerged in the 19th century, alongside the expansion of compulsory education laws. The 20th century marked pivotal changes, including court rulings that ended segregation in schools and legislation aimed at improving educational opportunities for disadvantaged and disabled students.

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:

• 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 and for all first responders.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks.

Ushers & Greeters: Jena Rand Babicz, Nick DiBella, Rich Schmude

Thank you to Rene Gallagher for hosting Coffee Hour today!

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
8/9	Nancy Gorman, Kay Hughes	Lisa & Jack Soltis
8/16	Carol McCarthy, Gail McNeill	Nancy Gorman
8/23	Rich Schellberg, Nate Schmude	Linda Treacy
8/30	Marianne Schmude, Mikayla Schmude	Scout Troop 64

Thank you to our Ushers and Greeters for serving with smiles, warm greetings, and a willing heart. Your dedication helps set the tone for worship. Because of you, church doesn't just feel like a place... it feels like home.



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



8/4 Pat Hooey –8/13 Carol Sushko
8/17 Sandra Hooey – 8/24 Sandra Toscano – 8/25 Judie Tulli

AUGUST 15TH Food Drive: Trunk to Trunk from 9 – Noon. We are grateful to be able to help out our Dumont Food Pantry and our community! Thank you for all the donations we receive each month and thank you to all volunteers and participants!

Back to School Backpacks: Please note the date change for Backpacks is now 8/16 so we may bless them in worship that day. You can drop off your school supplies and backpacks in the Library or through the office.



High School Students: Backpacks, black markers, file folders, pens, expo highlighters, composition notebooks, 1 & 3 subject spiral notebooks, and paper lunch bags.

Middle School and Younger Students: Pencil cases, pack of glue sitcks, pair of safety scissors, 12 - #2 Pencils, 2 hole pencil sharpeners, pink erasers, 24 pack of crayons, and paper lunch bags.



Discovery Class - New Members - Current Members – Friends: Our Discovery class has begun. Join us at the Parsonage on Tuesdays at 7 pm. It's made for folks who are thinking about becoming a member, as well as current members who just want a nice refresher. There's zero pressure or obligation to join — it's simply a relaxed, fun chance to learn way more about the church than you usually get on a regular Sunday. **This week we will be talking about spiritual gifts. Everyone has one. Come find out what yours is!**

Capital Project Fund: Keep in your prayers our Capital Project Fund. The fund has been used in the past to fund major projects such as the Steeple renovation. Coming soon.....opportunities to sponsor new projects. Contributions can be made to Old North clearly labeled **CPF**.