

OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

May 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30 A.M.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

“Prelude and Postlude”
“Song Without Words”
“Aria”

Anton Bruckner
Felix Mendelssohn
Flor Peeters

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

“Gather Us In”

(Insert)

***Call to Worship**

— based on Acts 17:22-27

The God who made the world and everything in it is not hidden or far from you.

The God who made us has revealed and made himself known to us in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

Together we join our voices and praise the living God, the God who is with us and working among us by his Holy Spirit.

We join our voices and praise the God in whom we live and move and have our being!

*HYMN #384

“This is My Father’s World”

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

adapted from mdpc.com

Gracious God,

You have given us good news — that Christ died for our sins, was raised to new life, and that Your grace has the final word. And yet, we confess how quickly we drift from that good news. We carry burdens You have already lifted. We rehearse our failures instead of Your mercy. We forget that we stand not on our own strength, but on Your grace alone. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us again of what we have received, a grace we did not earn, a hope we cannot lose, a Savior who meets us even now. Steady us in this truth and shape our lives by it each day. In the name of the risen Christ we pray, 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

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:16-34

Scott Benell

SERMON HYMN

“As The Deer”

(Insert)

SERMON

“Building Bridges”

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

*Heidelberg Catechism

Lord’s Day 24

(Insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prayer from Finlandia”

Jean Sibelius

***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

Scott Benell

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 #739**

"Pass It On"

***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

Prelude on "Picardy"

Gilbert Martin

*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: Jena Rand-Babicz, Jon Babicz, Rich Schmude, Carol Sushko
DEACONS: Nick DiBella, Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos



OLD NORTH REFORMED CHURCH

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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.



Eastertide, also known as the Easter season, is a liturgical season in Christianity that focuses on celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days until Pentecost, marking the end of the season. During Eastertide, Christians reflect on the new life given through Christ's resurrection and celebrate the victory over death.

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 • 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: Scott Benell, Nancy Gorman, Kay Hughes
Thank you to Sandra Toscano for hosting Coffee Hour today.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
5/10	Nate Schmude, Ashton DiBella	Ethel Reitsema
5/17	Gail McNeill, Ethel Reitsema	Donair Karkkainen
5/24	Donair Karkkainen, Cheryl Rodgers	Maureen Van Buren

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!**



5/1 Steven Cordova - Tara Coughlin - Nate Schmude
 5/4 Erin (Benell) Costantino - Irene Yanick - 5/14 Ethel Reitsema
 5/17 Sean Coughlin - 5/22 - Thomas Edone - Alexandra Huth - Stephanie Hashway
 5/22 Andrew Huth - 5/25 Donair Karkkainen - 5/26 Marianne Schmude

Upcoming meetings following Sunday worship

ELDERS - Today **HOUSE & PROPERTY** - May 10th **DEACONS** - May 31st

Food Drive: We are grateful to help out our Dumont Food Pantry and our community! Our next Food Drive will be on May 16th.

Thrift Shoppe: Donations are accepted on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. except for the Tuesday before a sale. Our next sale is this Saturday, 5/9.

Prayers for our Military: Memorial Day weekend while we will pause to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, we also want to pray for the safety and strength of those currently serving. **Please share the names of your loved ones in the military with the office,** and join us Sunday, 5/24, for a special prayer of protection and gratitude.

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**.

Nate Schmude's Eagle Scout Project: On May 9th, join us during our May Thrift Shoppe Sale for a special fundraiser. Nate will be hosting a bake sale to raise funds for his Eagle Scout Project! We are looking for delicious donated baked goods to make this event a success. If you would like to contribute, please reach out to Rich or Marianne.

Choir Practice: All are welcome to join the Choir for a special Mother's Day Introit. We will have a rehearsal following worship today.



GRIMES - SPRING FUND: Application Letters are now being accepted for the Grimes - Spring Fund. The fund was established at ONRC to provide financial assistance to those members going to college. Your letter must include a description of your course of study and your involvement in church. Applications may be sent to the church, emailed, or placed in Judy's mailbox in the library, and **must be received by June 7th**