

The basis of our congregation's common fellowship is comprehended in the following:

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired and eternal Word of God. These Scriptures are the revealed Will of God to mankind and are the only infallible guide to Christian faith and practice.

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of all things, infinite in being and perfect in justice, wisdom, holiness, truth and love. He exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

WE BELIEVE that mankind was created in righteousness and holiness in the image of God, and his purpose was to glorify God. He was endowed with the power of rational and responsible choice, and through the test of his obedience, mankind fell from grace. He was alienated from God and now lives in sin. In sin, mankind is separated from God and unable to save himself; physically and spiritually.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. As the eternal Son of God, Jesus took upon Himself human form. Since He was born of the virgin Mary, He perfectly united the divine and human nature. We believe that God provided salvation from sin for mankind through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ upon the cross. In this way, Jesus took upon Himself the penalty of our sin, and all who believe in Him are justified because of His sacrificial death. We believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose from the dead; that He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, where He intercedes for us until the time of His coming again. Then He will come personally and visibly to complete His saving work and to consummate the eternal plan of God.

WE BELIEVE in the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the things of Christ, convicts us of sin, calls us to repentance, justifies us before God and carries on the process of renewal. The work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual Christian and congregation is witnessed by the evidence of the fruit of the Spirit and the ministry of the gifts of the Spirit.

WE BELIEVE that salvation is wholly by grace, that God desires each person to seek Him, to repent of his sin, and to live a life characterized by obedience and holiness. We believe that those who are Christians are so not only in name but in nature. They have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord of their life and are growing in their knowledge of His Word and Will. The Christian life is a process of repentance and renewal that will not be complete until the consummation of the age.

WE BELIEVE He calls us into His church to accept the cost of discipleship. He requires us to be His servant in the service of mankind, to proclaim the Gospel to all the world and to resist the powers of evil. We are committed to observe the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and to proclaim to a lost world that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord.

Service for the Lord's Day

10⁰⁰ AM

Sunday, the 15th of April, Year of Our Lord 2018



Welcome!

RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

~ Celebrating God's Love in the Heart of Rye Since 1726 ~

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise!

Prelude: *Adagio Sostenuto*

L. Beethoven

(10⁰⁰ am)

{Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

♪♪ (#431) *Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Choral Call to Worship: *Christ is Alive! We Live in Him!*

G. Palestrina, K. Bible

Scriptural Call to Worship: *(from Psalm 116)*

I love the LORD, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.

Because He turned his ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the LORD and said, O LORD, save me!

The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The LORD protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, He saved me.

Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

For You, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

How shall I thank the LORD for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

* Opening Hymn: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

#225

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer *(forgive us our debts ...)*

♪♪ (#641) *Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Choir Anthem: *What Does It Cost to Follow Jesus?*

M. Bryson

Children's Moment (with Sunday School following)

* Those who are comfortably able, please stand. All others, please remain seated.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go up to the house of the Lord.

Offertory

* ♪♪ (#815) *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.*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

God Speed Hymn: *Spirit Song*

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On the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35 (page 1642)

* ♪♪ (#813) *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.*

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Luke 24:36-49 (page 1644)

Sermon: *Then Their Eyes Were Opened*

* Closing Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

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Benediction

Postlude: *In the Garden*

C. Austin Miles, Arranged for piano by R. Bradley

Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over. ~ Luke 24:29

Following the worship service, please join us at the Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

(Hearing-aid headphones are available at the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.)