

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 3rd of April, Year of Our Lord 2016




Welcome!

RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

~ In the heart of Rye since 1726 ~

Let us take the cup of salvation and call upon His name.

 Please use the opportunity afforded by the Prelude to prayerfully prepare for worship and assist us in establishing an atmosphere of reverence as the hour draws near.

Prelude: *Pie Jesu* Hannah Reitz, Violin A. L. Webber

(10⁰⁰ am) {Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

Introit: *God So Loved the World* J. Stainer

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: *(from Psalm 20 ~ A Psalm of David)*

The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; Remember all thine offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice;

Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsel.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfill all thy petitions.

Now I know that the LORD saves his Anointed; he will hear Him from His holy Heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

They are brought down and fallen: but we will rise and stand upright.

Save us, O LORD! May the King hear us when we call!

*Opening Hymn: *We're Marching to Zion* #416

Choral Anthem: *Alleluia, What a Happy Day* R. Schram & D. Davenport

Children's Moment (after which the children gather for Sunday School)

Offertory: *Jesus Loves Me* Tomkin, Morgan, & Glover
Jeff LaPorta, tenor Hannah Reitz, violin

* (#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

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

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 His Disciples Luke 24:36-49 (page 1644)

Sermon: *Did Not Our Hearts Burn Within Us?*

* Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed* The Hymnal, inside back cover

Words of Institution & *Lord's Prayer* (*forgive us our debts ...*)

(#702) *Fill my cup, Lord—I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

Communion

Special Music: *My Song Is Love Unknown* Text by S. Crossman, Music by J. Ireland
Melinda McMahon, Mezzo-soprano

Closing Prayer

* Closing Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #45

* Benediction

Postlude: *Hallelujah* from *Messiah* Hannah Reitz, Violin G.F. Handel

And one shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in Thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends. ~ Zechariah 13.6

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