

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.

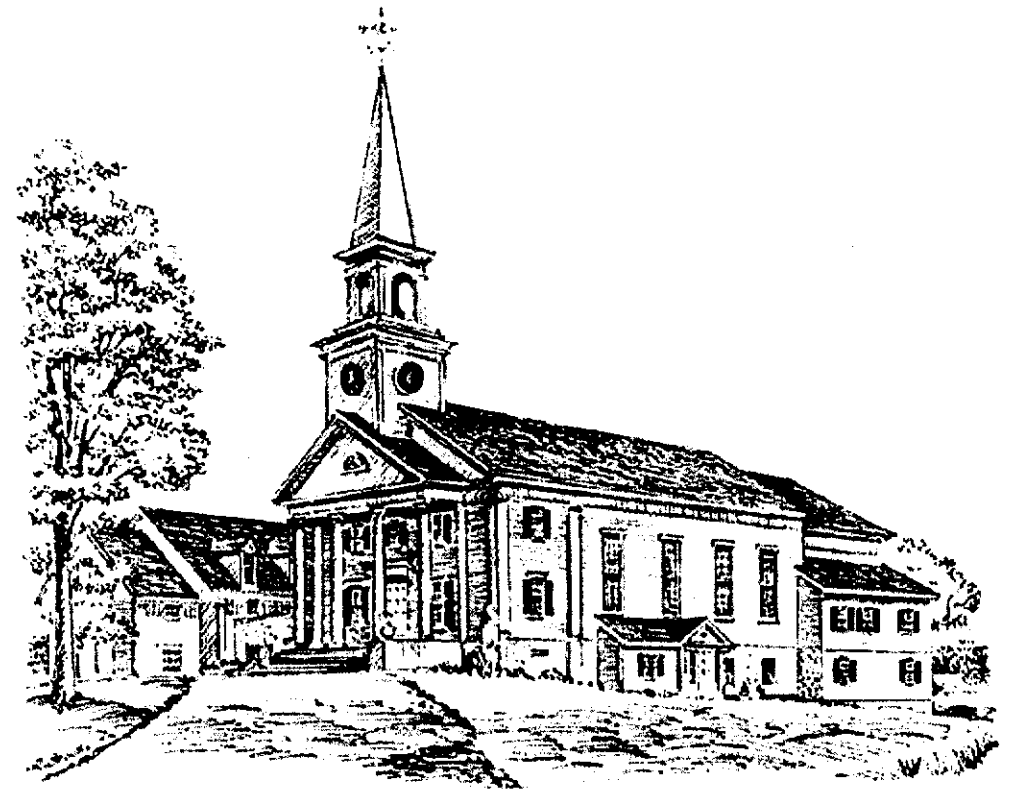
WE BELIEVE that salvation is wholly by grace, that God desires each person to seek Him, to repent of his sin, and to live a life characterized by obedience and holiness. We believe that those who are Christians are so not only in name but in nature. They have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the Savior 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 6th of August, Year of Our Lord 2017




Welcome!

RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

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

 Please use the time afforded by the Prelude to prayerfully prepare for worship.

Prelude: *Adoration - de notre Dieu* (Adoration of our God) T. Dubois

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

Call to Worship: *Name of All Majesty* #116 (vss. 1 & 2)

Scriptural Call to Worship: *(from Psalm 90 ~ A Prayer of Moses the man of God)*
Lord, You have been our dwelling place through all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

A thousand years in Your sight are like a day gone by, like a watch in the night.

**You sweep us away in the sleep of death; we are like the new grass of the
morning; in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.**

The length of our days is seventy years, or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span
is full of trouble and sorrow. They quickly pass, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad
all our days.

**May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our
hands; yes, establish the work of our hands.**

* Opening Hymn: *It Took a Miracle* #494

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

**♪♪ Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more
clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.**

Ladies' Chorale: *For the Beauty of the Earth* S. DeFord

Children's Moment

Offertory

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

© taste and see that the Lord is good!

* ♪♪ **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: *Open My Eyes That I may See* #563

Spiritual Blindness John 9:35-41 (page 1666)

* ♪♪ **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.**

Demand for a Sign & The Yeast of the Pharisees Matthew 16:1-12 (page 1523)

Sermon: *It's Everywhere You Look ... with Eyes to See*

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

**♪♪ Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our
knees; When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on
me. (#460:1)**

The Lord's Supper

* Closing Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* #444

* Benediction

Postlude: *Andante in E Minor* J. Stanley

*Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because
they hear. ~ Matthew 13:16*

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

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