

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.

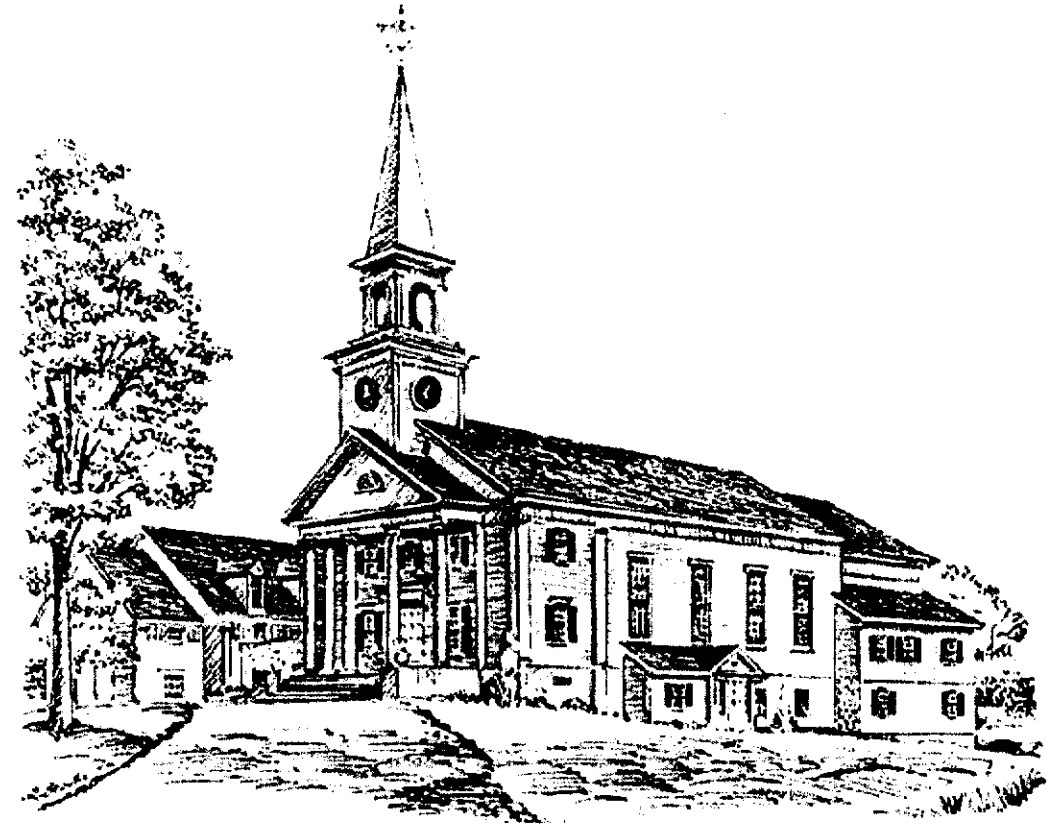
WE BELIEVE that salvation is wholly by grace, that God desires each person to seek Him, to repent of his sin, and to live a life characterized by obedience and holiness. We believe that those who are Christians are so not only in name but in nature. They have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the Savior 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 7th of August, 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 air of reverence as the hour draws near.

Prelude: *Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist* (We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit) D. Buxtehude
(10⁰⁰ am) {Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

(#389) *Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.*

Scriptural Call to Worship: (from Psalm 37 ~ A Psalm of David)
Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance endures forever.

In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.
If the LORD delights in a man's way, He makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with His hand.

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

* Opening Hymn: *As the Deer* #548

Special Music: *Take My Life and Let It Be* P. Butterworth
Vocal Quartet: Joyce & Wayne Gould, Jeff LaPorta, Diane Maxam

Children's Moment

Offertory: *Fairest Lord Jesus* Schleisische Volkslieder

* (#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.*

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Be Holy I Peter 1:13—2:3 (page 1887)

* (#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.*

The Narrow & Wide Gates Matthew 7:13-14 (page 1503)

Sermon: *The Road Less Traveled* or *Walking to the Beat of a Different Drummer*

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

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

(#460) *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.*

The Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer

* Closing Hymn: *Moment by Moment* #545

* Benediction

Postlude: *Postlude on Now Thank We All Our God* V. Thompson

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. ~ Matthew 7:13-14

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