

*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*

*10<sup>00</sup> AM*

*Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, Year of Our Lord 2018*



*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: *The Communion Table*

M. Shea

(10<sup>00</sup> am)

{Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

♪♪ (#83) *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all Heaven and Earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!*

Choral Call to Worship: *O Be Joyful in the Lord!*

H. Friedell

Scriptural Call to Worship: *(from Psalm 108 ~ A Song of David)*

My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

**Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.**

I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of You among the peoples.

**For great is Your love, higher than the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth.

**Save us and help us with Your right hand, that those You love may be delivered.**

\* Opening Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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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: *Bless We the Name of the Lord*

M. Burkhardt

Children's Moment (with Sunday School following)

Offertory

*O 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. (#815)*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

*The Waters of Marah and Elim*

Exodus 15:22-27 (page 111)

\* ♪♪ *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. (#813)*

*Jesus Changes Water to Wine*

John 2:1-11 (page 1648)

Sermon: *Joy this Side of Heaven*

\* Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

The Hymnal, inside back cover

Communion Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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The Lord's Supper

\* Closing Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Benediction

Postlude on "Nun Danket"

V. Thompson

*Jesus said to the servants, Fill the jars with water; so they filled them to the brim. ~ John 2:7*

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

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

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