

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 February, 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.

{Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

Introit: *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

G. Weissel

Prelude: *Larghetto in E Flat Major*

W. Volkmar

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: *(from Psalm 5 ~ A Psalm of David)*

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. Listen to the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for to You will I pray.

My voice shall You hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer to You, and will look up.

For You are not a God that has pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with You. The foolish shall not stand in Your sight: You hate all workers of iniquity.

You shall destroy them that speak lies: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the abundance of Your mercy: and in reverence will I worship in Your holy temple.

Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inner being is wickedness; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Destroy them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against You.

But let all those that put their trust in You rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them: and let them that love Your name be joyful in You.

For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround them as with a shield.

*Opening Hymn: *Come Thou Almighty King*

#8

Choral Anthem: *Built on the Rock*

H. Hopson

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

Offertory: *La Fille Aux Cheveux de Lin*

C. Debussy

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

* (#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

The Day of the Lord

Malachi 4:1-6 (page 1491)

* (#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 Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17 (page 1499)

Sermon: *To Fulfill All Righteousness*

* Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

The Hymnal, inside back cover

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

Communion

Closing Prayer

* Closing Hymn: *There's Something About That Name*

#83 (sing twice)

* Benediction

Postlude: *Moderato in B minor*

G.A. Sorge

I need to be baptized by You, and You come to me? ~ Matthew 3.14

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

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