

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 17th of January, Year of Our Lord 2016



Welcome!

RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

~ In the heart of Rye since 1726 ~

I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord.

{Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

Introit: *Keep Your Eyes on the Prize*

arr. by K. Bible

Prelude: *We Have Come Into His House*

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Ballinger

Doherty

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: *(from Psalm 3)*

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.

But You, O LORD, are a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

I cried to the LORD with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill.

I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

I will not be afraid of ten of thousands that have set themselves against me.

Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek bone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Salvation belongs to the LORD: Your blessing is upon Your people. Amen.

* Opening Hymn: *It Took a Miracle*

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

Choir Anthem: *Come With Me*

P. Martin

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

Offertory: *Brother James Air*

Tune: *Marosa*

* (#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

God's Love for Israel

Hosea 11:1-11 (page 1407)

* (#813) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the**

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

Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Escape to Egypt and the Return to Nazareth

Matthew 2:13-23 (page 1498)

Sermon: *With Cords of Human Kindness*

* Closing Hymn: *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

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* Benediction

Postlude: *Medley of Spirituals*

A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children and refused to be comforted, for her children were no more. Thus says the Lord; Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in your end, says the Lord, for your children shall come again to their own border. ~ Jeremiah 31.15-17

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