

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 24th 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: *Jesus Priceless Treasure* Hannah Reitz, violin Johann Franck

Prelude: *Sonata No. 3 in C Major. III. Adagio Non Troppo, IV. Allegro* A. Corelli
Hannah Reitz, violin

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: *(from Psalm 4 ~ A Psalm of David)*

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: You have helped me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

O you sons of men, how long will you turn My glory into shame? how long will you love vanity, and seek after lies?

Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself: the LORD will hear when I call.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many that say, Who will show us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of Your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and sleep: for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

* Opening Hymn: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #400

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

Choir Anthem: *Pacem Blessing* Hannah Reitz, violin P. Liebergen

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

Offertory: *Morning Has Broken* Traditional Scottish Gaelic Tune: "Bunessan"
Hannah Reitz, violin

* (#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.*

Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

The Israelites Complain Numbers 11:1-9 (page 224)

* (#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 Boy Jesus at the Temple Luke 2:41-52 (page 1592)

Sermon: *Every Day Is a Miracle*

* Closing Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* #390

* Benediction

Postlude: *Sonata No. 3 in C Major. II. Allegro* Hannah Reitz, violin A. Corelli

How is it that you have been looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in my Father's house? ~ Luke 2.46-49

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