

*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.

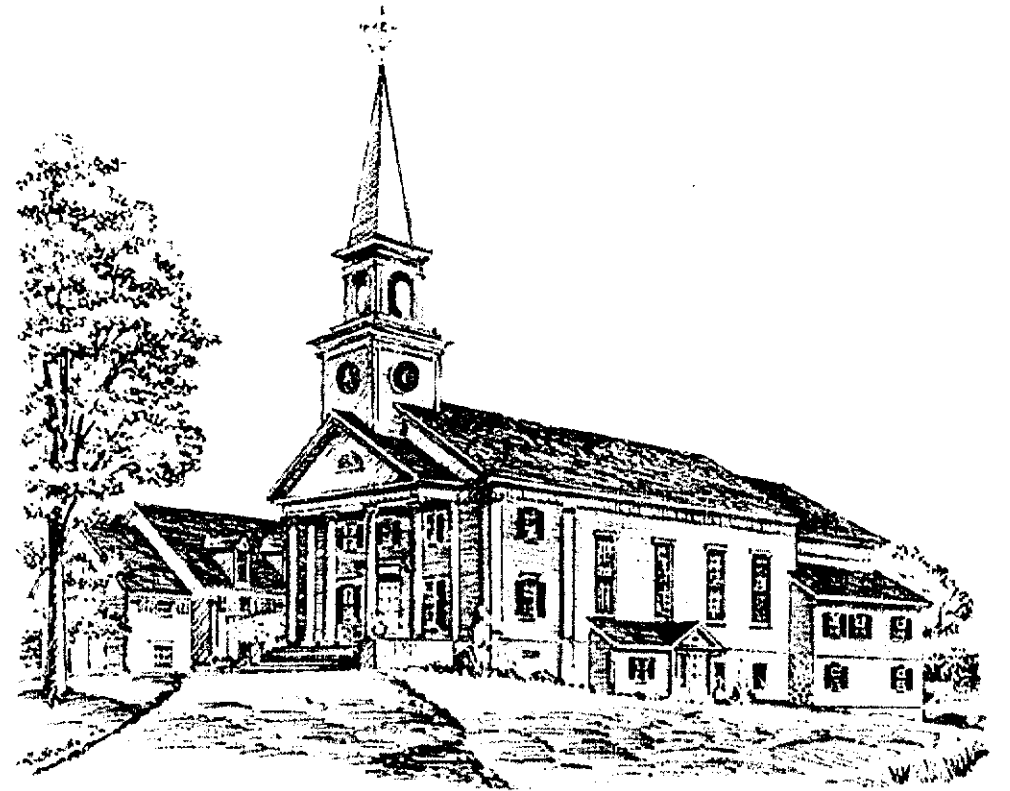
WE BELIEVE that salvation is wholly by grace, that God desires each person to seek Him, to repent of his sin, and to live a life characterized by obedience and holiness. We believe that those who are Christians are so not only in name but in nature. They have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the Savior 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 30<sup>th</sup> of July, Year of Our Lord 2017*



*Welcome!*

**RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

*~ Celebrating God's Love in the Heart of Rye Since 1726 ~*

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

 Please use the time afforded by the Prelude to prayerfully prepare for worship.

Prelude in D Flat Major (Raindrop) F. Chopin

(10<sup>00</sup> am) {Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

Call to Worship: *Steal Away to Jesus* Wayne Gould, bass Traditional Spiritual

Scriptural Call to Worship: (from Psalm 89)

I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations.

**I will declare that Your love stands firm forever, that You established Your faithfulness in Heaven itself.**

You said, I have made a covenant with David My servant, I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.

**The heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?**

In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; He is more awesome than all who surround Him.

**O LORD God Almighty, who is like You? You are mighty, O LORD, and Your faithfulness surrounds You.**

You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, You still them.

**The heavens are Yours, and Yours also is the earth; You founded the world and all that is in it. Your arm is filled with power; Your hand is strong.**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; love and faithfulness go before You.

**Blessed are those who have learned to praise You, who walk in the light of Your presence, O LORD.**

\* Opening Hymn: *Spirit Song* #384

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

♪♪ *Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.*

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

*Happy the people whose God is the Lord.*

Special Music: *Bring Back the Springtime* Wayne Gould, bass K. Kaiser

Children's Moment

Offertory

\* ♪♪ *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

*Sing to the Lord! ♪♪ Hymn Sing ♪♪ Make a Joyful Noise!*

\* ♪♪ *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.*

*Jesus Feeds Five Thousand and Walks on Water* Matthew 14:13-36 (page 1520)

Sermon: *Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;  
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold  
As Thou, dear Lord, on me.* ~ Anonymous, 1880, from the Pilgrim Hymnal

\* Closing Hymn: *Love Lifted Me* #508

Benediction

Postlude: *Allegretto in G Major* M. Clementi

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. ~ Isaiah 43:2*

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

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