

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 9th 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: *Libesträume* F. Liszt played by Amy Cunningham

(10⁰⁰ am) {Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

Special Music: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Tedd Smith Amy Cunningham

Scriptural Call to Worship: (from Psalm 85)

You showed favor to Your land, O LORD; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of Your people and covered all their sins.

You set aside all Your wrath and turned from Your fierce anger.

Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away Your displeasure toward us.

Show us Your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way for His steps.

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

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.

Children's Moment

Offertory

* **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.**

Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

God Speed Hymn: *When We All Get to Heaven* #772

Living Sacrifices Romans 12:1-8 (page 1763)

* **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 Rejected at Nazareth Luke 4:14-30 (page 1596)

Sermon: *The Law of Love*

* Closing Hymn: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* #403

Benediction

Postlude: *Allegretto in G Major* F. Haydn played by Joseph Stevens

By this shall everyone will know that you are My disciples; if you love one another. ~ John 13:35

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

We welcome our guest musicians today:

- Amy Cunningham is 15 years old and attends Portsmouth Christian Academy where she will be a Junior this fall.
- Joseph Stevens is a 17 years old graduate of Portsmouth Christian Academy, and will be attending UNH this fall.

* 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.)