

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 5th of June, 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.

 Please use the opportunity afforded by the Prelude to prayerfully prepare for worship and assist us in establishing an atmosphere of reverence as the hour draws near.

Prelude: *Trumpet Voluntary- Adagio, Allegro moderato* W. Goodwin

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

Choral Introit: *In This Very Room* R. & C. Harris

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: *(from Psalm 32 ~ A Psalm of David, Maschil)*
Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and You forgave the guilt of my sin.
Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You while You may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, you upright in heart!

* Opening Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus* #87

Choir Anthem: *If My People Will Pray* K. Christopher

Children's Moment

Offertory: *Invocation - "Incline Thine Ear"* F.H. Himmel

* (#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.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar Acts 3:1-10 (page 1694)

* (#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 Beatitudes (part 2) Matthew 5:1-6 (page 1501)

Sermon: *A Longing of the Heart, A Hunger of the Soul*

* Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed* The Hymnal, inside back cover

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

(#389) *Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.*

Communion

Closing Prayer

* Closing Hymn: *Higher Ground* #549

* Benediction

Postlude: *Postlude in C* Adapted from A. Hesse

Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. ~ Acts 3.6

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