

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 13th of March, 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: *See the Morning Sun Ascending*

J. Neander

Prelude: *Sonatina in F, Op. 36, No. 4* Con spirito, Andante

M. Clementi

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: *(from Psalm 139 ~ A Psalm of David)*

O LORD, You have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in, behind and before; You have laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where could I escape from Your Spirit? Where could I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You.

For it was You who created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from You when I was being prepared in the secret place.

Before the elements of my body were gathered from the soil of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days of my life were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

How precious are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

And see if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Opening Hymn: *He Hideth My Soul*

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

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

Happy the people whose God is the Lord.



(see insert) *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.*

Choir Anthem: *King of Kings, Spiritual*

arr. M. Douglas

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

Offertory: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

A. Reinagle

* (#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

The Death of Lazarus & Jesus Comforts the Sisters

John 11:1-27 (page 1668)

* (#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.*

Jesus Comforts the Sisters & Raises Lazarus from the Dead

John 11:28-44 (page 1669)

Sermon: *Wonderful Savior!*

* Closing Hymn: *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*

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* Benediction

Postlude: *Postlude on "Slane"* arr. for organ by R. Vaughan Williams Trad. Irish Tune

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons. ~ Mark 16.9

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