

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 1st of May, 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

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

Introit: *Here is Love* Hannah Reitz, violin; Audrey Craft, piano R. Lowry & K. Bible

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: (from Psalm 85 ~ A Psalm for the sons of Korah)
LORD, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people, Thou hast covered all their sin.
Thou hast taken away all Thy wrath: Thou hast turned Thyself from the fierceness of Thine anger.

Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? Show us Thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us Thy salvation.

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Righteousness shall go before Him; and shall set us in the way of His steps.

* Opening Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #393

Choir Anthem: *Ave Verum Corpus* H. Reitz, violin; A. Craft, piano W.A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine*

Hail, true Body
born of the Virgin Mary
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood
be for us a foretaste of Heaven
in the trial of death!

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

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Children's Moment

Offertory:

* (#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 Spirit of Sonship & Future Glory

Romans 8:12-27 (page 1757)

* (#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 Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:5-16 (page 1678)

Sermon: *Guide Us, O Holy Spirit!*

* 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: *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

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* Benediction

Postlude

You received the Spirit and by Him we cry, Abba, Father. ~ Rom. 8:15

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