

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.

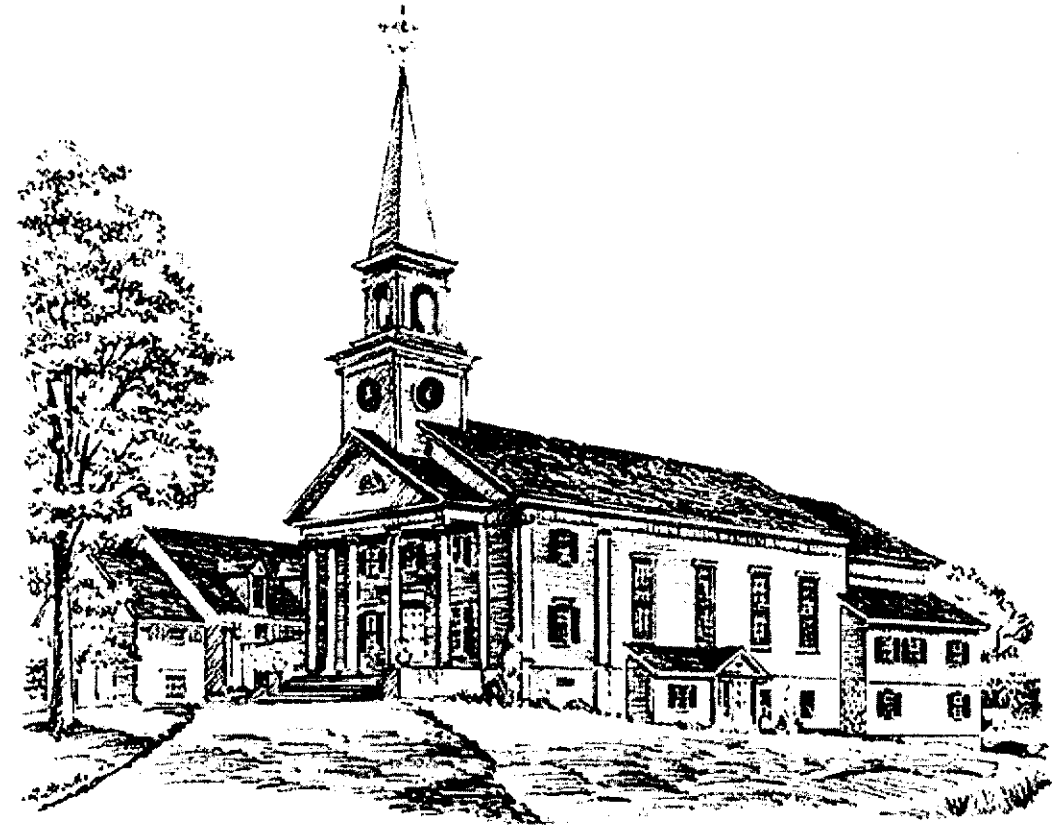
WE BELIEVE that salvation is wholly by grace, that God desires each person to seek Him, to repent of his sin, and to live a life characterized by obedience and holiness. We believe that those who are Christians are so not only in name but in nature. They have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the Savior 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 15th of May, 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 up to the house of the Lord.



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

Prelude: *Cantabile in C*

N. Jacques Lemmens

(10⁰⁰ am)

{Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

Introit: *Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, "The Agincourt Song"*

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: *(from Psalm 29 ~ A Psalm of David)*

Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders: the LORD is upon many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the hinds to calve, and discovers the forests: and in His temple every one speaks of His glory.

The LORD sits upon the flood; the LORD sits King for ever.

The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace.

* Opening Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

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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.

Choir Anthem: *A Mighty Rushing Wind*

P. Drennan

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

Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

Children's Moment

Offertory: *Simple Gifts*

Traditional Shaker Melody

* (#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

Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God*

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The Gold Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees

Zechariah 4:1-14 (page 1475)

(#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 Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 (page 1692)

Sermon: *Who Despises the Day of Small Things?*

* Closing Hymn: *We Are God's People*

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* Benediction

Postlude: *Sortie*

N. Jacques Lemmens

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. ~ Zechariah 4.6

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