

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 19th of November, 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: *All Beautiful the March of Days (Forest Green)* arr. R.V. Williams

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

Choral Introit: *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* J. Schulz

Scriptural Call to Worship: (from Psalm 103 ~ A Psalm of David)
Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life and crowns you with love and compassion, Who satisfies you with good things and renews your youth like the eagle's.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are but dust.

Praise the LORD, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word.

Praise the LORD, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

* Opening Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* #793

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

♪ (#385) *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace; Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love. There is comfort in life's darkest hour; There is light and life, there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.*

Choir Anthem: *I Thank My God* J. A. McDermid

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

Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

Children's Moment

Offertory

* ♪♪ *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.* (#815)

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

God Speed Hymn: *Give Thanks* #170

The Widow at Zarepath I Kings 17:7-16 (page 555)

* ♪♪ *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.* (#813)

The Widow's Offering Luke 21:1-4 (page 1635)

Sermon: *There's Room for God In Every Empty Jar, In Every Empty Life*

* Closing Hymn: *O Lord, Our Lord* #175

Benediction

Postlude: *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun Danket)* harmonized by J.S. Bach

*O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever. ~ Psalm 107:1*

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

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