

*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*

*10<sup>00</sup> AM*

*Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 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 air of reverence as the hour draws near.

Prelude: *Largo in F* J.S. Bach

(10<sup>00</sup> am) {Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

Choral Introit: *Here Is Love* R. Lowry and K. Bible

Scriptural Call to Worship: (from Psalm 51 ~ A Psalm of David)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

**Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

**Against You, against You, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.**

Surely I was sinful from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**Surely You desire truth in the inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice.**

Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You.**

\* Opening Hymn: *Come Share the Lord* #462

Choir Anthem: *Sine Nomine* R. Vaughan Williams

Children's Moment

*O taste and see that the Lord is good!*

Offertory: *But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own* from "St. Paul" F. Mendelssohn

\* **♪♪ 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

*The Great Multitude in White Robes* Revelation 7:9-17 (page 1921)

\* **♪♪ 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)

*Rest for the Weary & Lord of the Sabbath* Matthew 11:25 — 12:14 (page 1513)

Sermon: *When the Saints Go Matching In ... How I Want to Be In That Number!*

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

Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper & *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.**

The Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer

\* Closing Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation* #408

\* Benediction

Postlude: *Postlude in D* C.M. von Weber

*God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. ~ Rev. 7.17*

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

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