

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 12th of May, Year of Our Lord 2019



Welcome!

RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

~ Celebrating God's Love in the Heart of Rye Since 1726 ~

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise!

Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S.Bach, arr. by George Winston

(10⁰⁰ am)

{Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

♪♪ (#83) *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all Heaven and Earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!*

Choral Call to Worship: *The Prayer*

C. Sager and D. Foster

Scriptural Call to Worship: (from Psalm 143 ~ Of David)

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring Your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before You. The enemy pursues me and my spirit grows faint within me; and my heart is dismayed within me.

I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all Your works and consider what Your hands have done.

I lift up my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide Your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You.

Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD, for I hide myself in You.

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life; in Your righteousness, rescue me from trouble.

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

#793

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

♪♪ (#349) *O how He loves you and me! O how He loves you and me! He gave His life; what more could He give? O how He loves you; O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!*

* Those who are comfortably able, please stand.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go up to the house of the Lord.

Choir Anthem: *Simple Praise*

C. Courtney & P. Martin

Children's Sermon (Sunday School following): Sparrow Spirit sings *All Night, All Day*

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

Godspeed Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*

#617

Encouragement to Be Faithful

2 Timothy 1:3-12 (page 1852)

* ♪♪ *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

Matthew 11:25-30 (page 1513)

Sermon: *A Place of Quiet Rest ~ Near to the Heart of God*

* Closing Hymn: *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

#575

Benediction

Postlude: *Time to Say Goodbye*

F. Sartori, L Quarantotto, D. Peterson

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God because anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His. ~ Hebrews 4:9

Following the service, please join us at the Fellowship Hour downstairs.

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