

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.

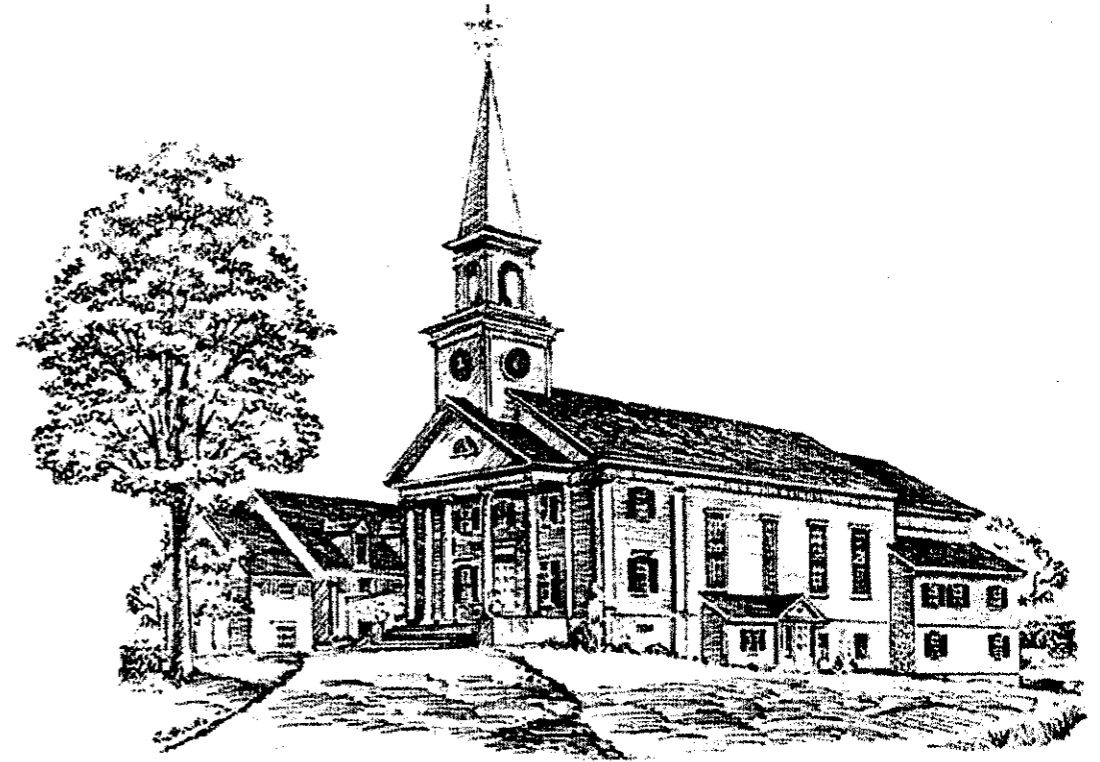
WE BELIEVE that salvation is wholly by grace, that God desires each person to seek Him, to repent of his sin, and to live a life characterized by obedience and holiness. We believe that those who are Christians are so not only in name but in nature. They have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the Savior 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 18th of August, 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: *Arietta from 8 Lyric Pieces, Op. 12*

by Edvard Grieg

(10⁰⁰ am)

{Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

♪♪ (#700) *You are my hiding place; You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord!" You are my hiding place; You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.*

Scriptural Call to Worship: (*Psalm 5 ~ from the Scottish Metrical Psalter of 1912*)

O Jehovah, hear my words, To my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

**With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise,
And expectant I will bring Prayer as morning sacrifice.**

Thou, Jehovah, art a God Who delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud Thy favor win.

**Evildoers Thou dost hate, Lying tongues Thou wilt defeat;
God abhors the man who loves Violence and base deceit.**

In the fullness of Thy grace To Thy house I will repair,
Bowing toward Thy holy place, In Thy fear will worship there.

**Lead me in Thy righteousness, Let my foes assail in vain;
Lest my feet be turned aside, Make Thy way before me plain.**

* Opening Hymn: *Open My Eyes*

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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.*

Children's Moment (with Sunday School following)

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)

* 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.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Godspeed Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

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Walk While You Have the Light

John 12:35-36 (page 1672)

* ♪♪ (#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.*

Two Blind Men Receive Sight

Matthew 20:29-34 (page 1531)

Sermon: *A World of Darkness and a World of Light*

* Closing Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

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Benediction

Postlude: *Toccatina*

by Dmitri Kabalevsky

Lord, we want our sight. ~ Matthew 20:33



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.)