

*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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: *Holy, Holy, Holy* by John Dykes, arr. Melody Bober

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

♪♪ (#431) *Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Scriptural Call to Worship: (*Psalm 3 ~ from the Scottish Metrical Psalter of 1912*)

O Lord, how are my foes increased! Against me many rise;  
How many say, In vain for help He on his God relies!

**Thou art my shield and glory, Lord, My Savior, O Most High.**

**The Lord from out His holy hill Gives answer when I cry.**

I laid me down and slept, I waked, Because the Lord sustains;  
Though many thousands compass me, Unmoved my soul remains.

**Arise, O Lord; save me, my God; For Thou hast owned my cause,**

**And oft hast beaten down my foes Who scorn Thy righteous laws.**

Salvation to the Lord belongs, In Him His saints are blest;

**O let Thy blessing evermore Upon Thy people rest.**

\* Opening Hymn: *Just As I Am* #488

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.*

Special Music: *Bist Du Bei Mir* Mindy McMahon, soloist J.S. Bach

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)

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

\* 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.*

*The Narrow and Wide Gates* Matthew 7:13-14 (page 1506)

\* ♪♪ *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 Rich Young Man* Matthew 19:16-30 (page 1529)

Sermon: *Lay Your Burden Down, Pilgrim, and Travel Lightly to New Jerusalem*

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

Communion Hymn: *Come Share the Lord* #462

The Lord's Supper

\* Closing Hymn: *When We All Get to Heaven* #772

Benediction

Postlude: *Soon and Very Soon* by Andrae Crouch, arr. S. Sheppard



*Narrow is the road that leads to Life. ~ Matthew 7:14*

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.)