

*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.

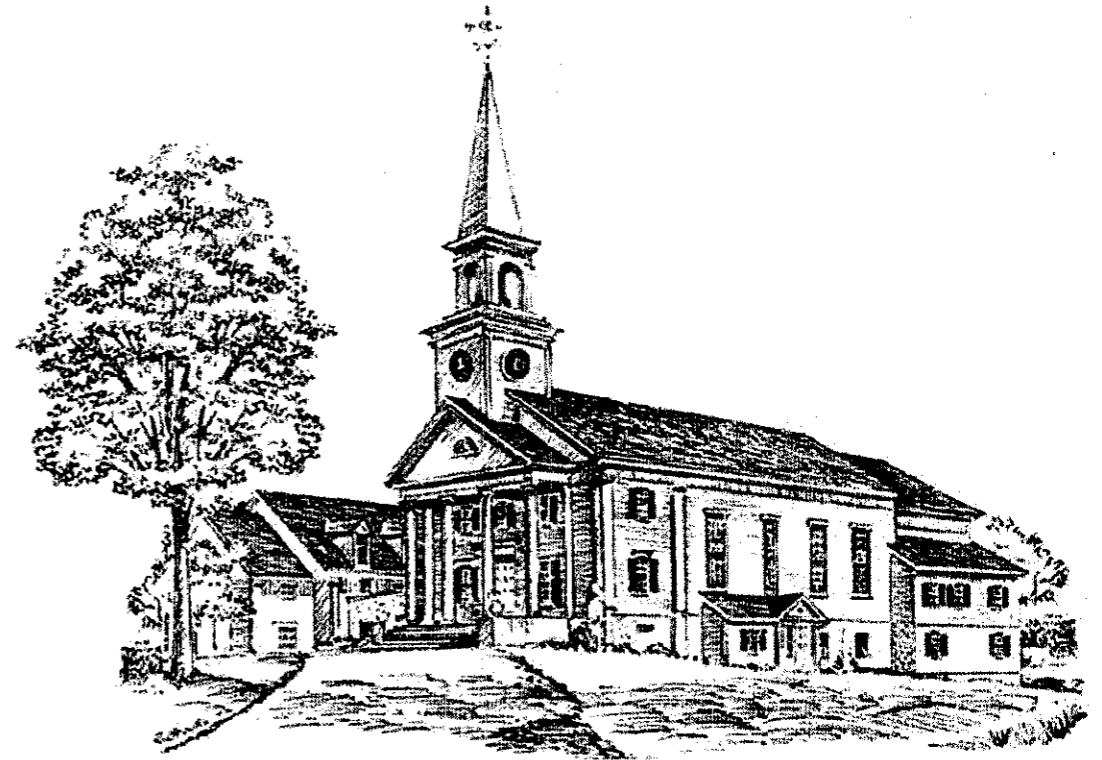
WE BELIEVE that salvation is wholly by grace, that God desires each person to seek Him, to repent of his sin, and to live a life characterized by obedience and holiness. We believe that those who are Christians are so not only in name but in nature. They have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the Savior 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 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 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: *Larghetto (Pastorale in F)* by J.S. Bach, arranged by Jean Pasquet

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

♪ (#419) *I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God – I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

Choral Call to Worship: *I Am the Lord's! O Joy Beyond Expression* J. Barnby

Scriptural Call to Worship: (*Psalm 17 ~ from the Scottish Metrical Psalter of 1912*)

Lord, hear the right, attend my cry, And to my prayer give ear,

**My prayer that riseth unto Thee From heart and lips sincere.**

I shunned the ways of wicked men, For I Thy word obey;

**Upon Thy paths my steps held fast, My feet slipped not away.**

On Thee, O God, again I call, For Thou wilt answer me;

**Incline Thy ear and hear the prayer That I direct to Thee.**

Thy wondrous lovingkindness show, Thou Who by Thy right hand

**Defendest those who trust in Thee From all who them withstand.**

Soon I in glorious righteousness Shall see Thee as Thou art;

**Thy likeness, Lord, when I awake Shall satisfy my heart.**

\* Opening Hymn: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* #808

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

♪ (#478) *Room for Jesus, King of Glory! Hasten now; His Word obey. Swing your heart's door widely open; Bid Him enter while you may (repeat).*

Choir Anthem: *The Glory of Our God* D. Bortniansky

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: *Rejoice in the Lord Always* #745 (sing twice)

*Rejoice in the Lord Always* Philippians 4:4-9 (page 1830)

\* ♪♪ *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)

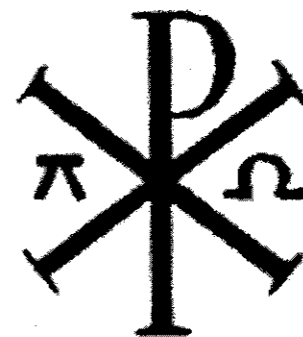
*The Day and the Hour Unknown* Matthew 24:36-44 (page 1539)

Sermon:

\* Closing Hymn: *God of Our Fathers* #809

Benediction

Postlude: *Soon and Very Soon* by Andrae Crouch



*As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ~ Matthew 24:37*

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.)