

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 3rd of November, Year of Our Lord 2019



Welcome!

RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

Let us take the cup of salvation and call upon His name.

Prelude: *For All the Saints* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Pepper Choplin

(10⁰⁰ 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.*

Choral Call to Worship: *We Will be Your People* C. Urhan

Scriptural Call to Worship: (*Psalm 16 ~ from the Scottish Metrical Psalter of 1912*)

To Thee, O Lord, I fly And on Thy help depend;

Thou art my Lord and King Most High; Do Thou my soul defend.

I praise the Lord above Whose counsel guides aright;

My heart instructs me in His love In seasons of the night.

I keep before me still The Lord Whom I have proved;

At my right hand He guards from ill, And I shall not be moved.

My heart is glad and blest, My soul its joy shall tell;

And, lo, my flesh in hope shall rest, And still in safety dwell.

My soul in death's dark pit Shall not be left by Thee;

Corruption Thou wilt not permit Thy holy one to see.

Life's pathway Thou wilt show, To Thy right hand wilt guide,

Where streams of pleasure ever flow, And boundless joys abide.

* Opening Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* #182

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!*

Choir Anthem: *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Children's Moment (with Sunday School following)

Offertory

* *Those who are comfortably able, please stand.*

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

* ♪♪ *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

Paul, the Preacher to the Gentiles Ephesians 3:1-13 (page 1820)

* ♪♪ *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)

Signs of the End of the Age Matthew 24:1-35 (page 1538)

Sermon: *The End of the Age of Separation ~ The Beginning of Ageless Unity*

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

Communion Hymn: *Break Thou the Bread of Life* #413 (vss. 1 & 5)

The Lord's Supper

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

Benediction

Postlude: *When the Saints Go Marching In* (Spiritual)



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.)