

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.



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Service for the Lord's Day

10⁰⁰ AM

Sunday, the 26th of January, Year of Our Lord 2020



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

Welcome to all our visitors worshiping with us today. If you would like to be on our mailing list for the quarterly newsletter, please sign in on the red pads which are found at the end of each pew. Use the yellow cards in the pew racks if you would like a call from the Pastor.

We thank today's volunteers serving in worship and Sunday school:

Leigh deRochemont, Michael Scott, Peggy Scott, Matthew Hotz, Griffin Hotz, Janet Bono, Carolyn Barrett, Rebecca Hotz, Connie Roberts, Ray Smoyer, Beverly Levesque, Laura Walsh, Maura Howe

Prelude: *Berceuse from 8 Lyric Pieces, Op. 38*
by Edvard Grieg

(10⁰⁰ am) {Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

♪♪ (#3340) **Turn your eyes upon Jesus**

Choral Call to Worship: *We Shall Overcome* (Verses 1, 2, 5, 7) Traditional
*We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome some day.
We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand,
We'll go hand in hand some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We'll go hand in hand some day.
The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free,
The truth shall make us free some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, The truth shall make us free some day.
We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace, some day;
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, We shall live in peace some day.*

Scriptural Call to Worship: (from Psalm 19 ~ *A Psalm of David*)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

* Opening Hymn:

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: *Pacem Blessing*

Patrick M. Liebergen

*Live now in peace, dona nobis
Dona nobis, pacem pacem;
Live now in peace, dona nobis
Live now in peace, dona nobis pacem;
May the peace of God be with you,
Live in peace and love, dona nobis pacem,
Live now in peace, dona nobis
Nobis pacem;
May the peace of God be with you,
Live in peace and love,
Live now in peace, dona nobis pacem
Amen*

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

Godspeed Hymn: *Victory in Jesus*

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Comfort for God's People

Isaiah 40:1-11 (page 1119)

* ♪♪ **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 Word Became Flesh

John 1:1-18 (page 1645)

Sermon: *The Mystery of the Incarnation*

* Closing Hymn: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

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Benediction

Postlude

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

