

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 2nd of February, 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:

Carolyn Barrett, Patti Betti, Carla Buchanan, Steve Buchanan, Ellie Cormier, Ken Cormier, Andrea Doscocil, Greg McMahon, Bob Rawding, Connie Roberts, Michael Scott, Ray Smoyer and Charles Tarbell

Prelude: *Panis Angelicus*

by Cesar Franck

(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: *O God, Thou Art the Father* Traditional Irish Melody
O God, thou art the father Of all that have believed, From whom all hosts of angels Have life and power received. O God, thou are the Maker Of all created things, The righteous Judge of judges, The almighty King of kings.
Thou to the meek and lowly Thy secrets dost unfold; O God, thou doest all things, All things both new and old. I walk secure and blessed In every clime or coast, In name of God the Father; and Son, and Holy Ghost.

Scriptural Call to Worship: (from Psalm 21 ~ A Prayer of David)

O LORD, the king rejoices in Your strength. How great is his joy in Your victories!

You have granted the desires of his heart and not refused the request of his lips.

You welcomed him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head.

He asked You for life, and You gave it to him; length of days, for ever and ever.

Through Your victories, You have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.

You have granted him eternal blessings and made him joyful in Your presence.

The king trusts in the LORD; through His unfailing love he will not be shaken.

Your hand will lay hold on Your enemies; Your right hand will seize Your foes.

You will make them turn their backs when You aim at them with drawn bow.

Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your might.

* Opening Hymn: *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

#207

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: *River in Judea*

Arranged by John Leavitt

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that feely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one ev'ry body knows. Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn It fills me up with hope and good will, the will to go on.

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on travlin' but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in the stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and down-hearted, how I long for the song it sings, For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings.

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

The Claims of Jesus About Himself

John 8:48-50 (page 1663)

* ♪♪ **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)

Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman

John 4:1-42 (page 1651)

Sermon: *Breaking Barriers ~ Reaching Hearts*

* Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

The Hymnal, inside back cover

Communion Hymn: *Come, Share the Lord*
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The Lord's Supper

* Closing Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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Benediction

Postlude: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

by William Moore, arr. Melody Bober