



**Ray Of Hope
Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

"My House shall be a house of prayer for All People."

(Isaiah 56:7)

Founded: 10/31/1983. Now in our Forty-first year of Ministry.

MISSION: Love God, Love your neighbor, and make disciples of every person everywhere. (Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19) "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:10,33)

April Struhm, Moderator

Rev. Br. Shawn F. Benedict, O.S.B, Appointed Pastor

We extend a special welcome to our visitors.

You are as welcome here as Jesus Christ Himself.

Scripture exhorts us: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God" Romans 15:7 (NABRE – 2011)

Participate in some or all parts of this worship event as you are comfortable. We are building a wonderful Christ-centered Community here, and we invite you to share in our joy! After the Worship Service, please join us for refreshments and sharing.

Today is Sunday, May 19, 2024, Pentecost, Year B

Ray Of Hope Church teaches the same Christian faith of ancient ecumenical consensus.

St. Vincent of Lerins, a fifth-century monk and theologian, described it as

"what has been believed always, everywhere, and by all."

Scientific Discovery, Academic Knowledge, the Holy Scriptures, and Spirituality are Universal and Unified. (Br. Benedict 8-6-23)

Scripture Readings for this worship event:

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 NRSV 2nd Test. pg. 119

Psalm: 104 selected verses with responsorial in this bulletin.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 12:1-13 NRSV 2nd Test. pg. 174

Gospel: John John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 2nd Testament pg. 110

***We use the term 1st for the "Old" Testament and 2nd for the "New" Testament. The NRSV Bible 1st Testament numbers are found in the front portion, and the 2nd Testament numbers are found in the later portion. If this confuses you, ask someone around you to assist you. Thank you.**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Visit and greet one another until the bell rings.

Bell's 1st ring. As the bell rings, please find your seat and pray silently for the next few minutes. Please refrain from conversations as these disturb those trying to pray.

The St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi bell at Ray Of Hope Church, 380 W. 1st St. in Elmira, NY, was a gift from Michael Quinnell of Syracuse, NY, in September 2005. The bell rings out 39 joyful rings, in contrast to tolling the bell in single rings. The 39 joyful rings honor the 39 lashes Jesus endured, and we now celebrate in victory and gratitude for our Salvation. "The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes, we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) We ring the bell before worship and Bible Enrichment sessions. Listen carefully and see if you can hear all 39 rings.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE THE LORD AND GIVE THANKS

+ Pastoral Welcome

Leader – 1: Hello. My name is _____. I am in_(city) _____, __(State)_____. Good morning. Welcome to Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the faith community founded in Central New York and now all across the World through the Internet, where everyone is welcome. You may participate in some or all parts of this worship event as you are comfortable. We announce all instructions, page, and song numbers and use a psalm response verse to assist people with various stages of visual impairment.

Leader-2: Hello. My name is _____. I am in_(city) _____, __(State)_____. Good morning, and welcome ■ (** Reader, stop, look up at the people, and

smile.)** Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion with us during the second part of this worship event. We celebrate the Lord's open table where Membership in this or any church is not required to receive Communion.

People participating on the Internet, please bring the following items to your table at this time so you are prepared: 1) a cup with some wine or grape juice, 2) a small piece of bread, cracker, or matzo on a plate, 3) a second cup with some water, and 4) a side napkin.

Leader-1: Today's bulletin order of worship and music supplement are available on Facebook Live; right-click the "Featured Links" icon. On Skype, look in the Chat window for two document icons. On our website, look at the large gold box labeled SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION at www.rayofhopechurch.com. Take a moment now and gather these items. We will start shortly; thank you.



ALL PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED SALVATION AS A FREE GIFT FROM GOD, ARE ETERNALLY SECURE IN GOD'S LOVE AND ARE BY MODERN TERMS, "SAVED." ALL LGBTQSIA2ss+ persons of every sexual orientation and every gender expression are **SAVED** and are called to live out the fullness of who they are so that God may be praised. Ray Of Hope Church, Inc. officially took this position on September 18, 2011 and changed the By-laws to secure this position. (www.rayofhopechurch.com/faith.htm) (www.rayofhopechurch.com/purpose.htm)

(The Congregation amended this By-law on September 18, 2011, and used to read: We believe that Salvation is available to all who call on the Name of Jesus Christ, and are re-born into the Life of Christ.)([Article 10 STATEMENT OF FAITH 10.01 Short Form Statement Lines 1140 – 1143](#))



Bell's 2nd ring will announce the start of the worship event.

Leader – 2: (** Reader, look up at the people and smile.**) Thank you for spending time with us. In Romans, Chapter 15:7, the Scriptures instruct us to:

ALL: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." (NABRE)

Leader -1: You are as welcome here as Christ Jesus himself. (** Reader, stop, look up at the people, and smile.**) Show the glory of God by introducing yourself and welcoming the **SAINTS** around you. To be extra careful, we observe COVID-19 safety protocols by waving across the room and into the camera for the Internet.

Pastor: Good Morning, **SAINTS!** I ask you, in whose Name are we meeting?

ALL: We meet in the name of God our Creator, Christ Jesus Our Lord and Saviour, and in the name of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pastor:

Ray Of Hope Church officially began on 10/31/1983.

Today is May 19, 2024, Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the day God sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit to be with and within the believers and to start the Christian Church. Notice the red and gold colors for the fire of the Holy Spirit. Epiphany, Theophany - since Nativity!

We are here to give God thanks and praise for these glorious events we have been educated in by the gifts of the Holy Scriptures, the Tradition of the Church, the deposit of faith, and the teaching power of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for Christ among us. (see 2Timothy 1:13-14:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+1%3A13-14&version=NRSVUE>)(see John 1:14:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A14&version=NRSVUE>)

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+ The Candle Of Hope

Leader -1: Please be seated. Today, we light our Candle Of Hope to celebrate our faith and trust in the promised "Blessed Hope," also known as "The Rapture," the return of Christ who will transform the living faithful and raise all to new life. Jesus said: (John 5:25 and Titus 2:13)

ALL: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25, 26)

Leader -2: In 1983, Ray Of Hope Church was started in part to form a unique ministry to persons affected by and infected with HIV/AIDS. Forty-one years later, some churches, religions, and even some countries continue rejecting the sick, lonely, and dying people with HIV/AIDS who need spiritual guidance. In a letter from amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, we learn every minute someone somewhere contracts HIV. In the year 2023, 1.5 million people became newly infected, and 650,000 people, including some from the United States, died of AIDS-related causes.

HIV/AIDS is still with us; therefore, we continue to read aloud over **110,000** names sewn into the AIDS Memorial Quilt to keep HIV/AIDS in the conscious prayers of people.

(for more information about amfAR: <https://www.amfar.org/about-amfar/>)

Leader -3: Hello. My name is _____. I am in_(city) _____, _(State)_____. Scroll the page to see the panel names on Block # 114.



Names on Block #114

- Danny Conerly (1)
- Norman Blau (2)
- Tony D. Kiah (3)
- Edward Benzing (4)
- Wayne Huff (5)
- Louie Galicia (6)
- Paul (7)
- Chuck Demecs (8)

(source: <https://www.aidsmemorial.org/interactive-aids-quilt>)

Leader -2: In silent prayer, we also remember the names of family and friends who have died from COVID-19-related and other illnesses. We pray that those who feel left behind in the face of death experience a blessing from the Holy Spirit when they remember their loved ones. (**pause for silent prayer.**) May this candle's flame help bring to mind the joy and happiness known in life, the

comfort offered by the Holy Spirit in our loss, and the "Blessed Hope" we have in the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen

(National AIDS Memorial website where you can visit over 48,000 panels and over 110,000 names on the Quilt virtually:
<https://www.aidsmemorial.org/interactive-aids-quilt>)

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WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

+ Confession and Forgiveness of our sins.

Leader -2: Please be seated. (wait) So far, we assembled, greeted one another, and praised God in song. Now, Ray Of Hope Church provides another service: Christ forgiving our sins through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter twenty-four, verse forty-seven, Jesus instructed the Church "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Leader – 3: Hear the Word of God in First John, Chapter One, verses eight and nine: "⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, Jesus, who is present, faithful, and just, will forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(Source: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=i+John+1%3A8-10&version=NRSVUE>
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Leader -2: At this time, in silent prayer, we consider our relationship with God and others, confess faults, sins, and failures to Christ, and receive immediate forgiveness.

(silent prayer for time to confess our sins.) (**Leader, please count to 20**.)

Leader -2: Now, we pray together:

ALL: I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. I declare in the midst of this assembly of believers that I am truly sorry for having offended **anyone, and God**, in any way. Therefore, I ask you, my brothers and sisters, all the angels and the saints, to forgive me and pray for me to the Lord our God.

Leader -4: Hello. My name is _____. I am in_(city) _____, _(State)_____.

The Holy Spirit reminds us that millions need food, water, medical supplies, shelter, and peace. Many world leaders do not open their minds to the Holy Spirit, and they continue to spend billions of dollars on weapons of war rather than building up humanity. We pray, Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader -4: The Holy Spirit calls us to unity and appreciation for all the many gifts people bring to society. Discrimination and exclusion teach us to divide society and thereby miss the whole face of Christ among us. We pray: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader -4: The Holy Spirit is the life, breath, and power of all ministry in the Church. Ministry that is not Christ-centered and spirit-filled will be flat and useless; Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

L-4: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World; have mercy on us.

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World, grant us peace.

Pastor: We pray that all of God's people may one day be reunited in God's Kingdom without the loss of anyone. Therefore, we ask Almighty God to have mercy on all of us, forgive all our sins, and keep us in

everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Leader-3: Jesus told the Church to forgive sins in His Name. Jesus said:

ALL: If you forgive people their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive people their sins, neither will your Father forgive your sins." (Matt. 6:14-15) Jesus also told us to forgive our brothers and sisters from the heart. (Matt. 18:35).

Therefore, we, the faith community of Ray Of Hope Church, openly declare the forgiveness of all your confessed sins in the Name of Jesus Christ. He forgives you, we forgive you, and God rejoices over your restoration in Christ. Amen.

Leader - 3: The Church now provides the service of praising God in thanksgiving together. Please rise as you are able to sing "The Gloria."

Ray of Hope Church, Inc. *The Gloria* Winds and Music
10th Annual Meeting "Music for Worship" 7/25/17
Handwritten: 7/25/17, 1/21/24

Refrain

$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{6}{8}$

GLO-ry to God in the high-est, AND
 peace to all peo-ple on Earth.
 GLO-ry to God in the high-est.
 We give You thanks and praise. Al-le-lu-ia.
 We give You thanks and praise

Verso 1

You are the One God, Sov-ereign of the
 Uni-verse, On-ly Ho-ly God, We wor-ship You, We
 give you thanks, we praise You for Your great glo-ry! (*Refrain*)
 D.C.

7/25/17, 1/1/24 Cant. Liturgical Arts by [Signature]

2. = 6/8 Refrain *1/21/24*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, AND
 peace to all peo-ple on Earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est.

We give You thanks and praise. Al-le-lu-ia.

We give You thanks and praise

VERSE 2 The Gloria, Pg 2

Lord, Jes-us Christ, The on-ly Be-got-ten Son of God, You are
 Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the
 world: HAVE MER-cy on us; you are seated at the
 right hand of God; re-ceive our prayer. (To Refrain) *D.C.*

2. = 6/8 *Refrain* *1/21/24*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, AND
 peace to all peo-ple on Earth
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est.
 We give You thanks and praise. Al-le-lu-ia.
 We give You thanks and praise

Verse 3

For You a-lone are the hol-y one, You a-lone are the
 LORD of all, You a-lone are the Most High,
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 spir-it, in the glo-ry of God. In the
 Ho-ly spi-rits in the HO-ly un-i-ty of

(TO REFRAIN)
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$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{6}{8}$ *Refrain* $\frac{1}{2} \frac{21}{24}$

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, AND
peace to all people on Earth
Glo-ry to God in the high-est
We give You thanks and praise. Al-le-lu-ia.
We give You thanks and praise

Verse 4: Amen

The Gloria, Pg 3

ALL: A ————— men; we give you thanks and

We give you thanks and praise

LORD, we praise you LORD we bless you, we give you thank we give you praise

ALL: Praise!

A —————

We give you thank and praise

We give you thank and praise LORD, we praise you LORD we bless you

ALL: men

men al-le-lu-ia

mine
@ 7/25/17 - 11/24/17
Gaudete! - 11/24/17
Pete Behm

+ Opening Prayer

Leader-5: Come Holy Spirit, and open our minds to understand and apply what we hear in the Holy Scriptures today. We ask this through Christ, our Lord,

ALL: AMEN.

Leader-5: Please be seated now as we listen attentively to the Scriptures.

ALL: We read God's Word to recall, reflect on, and rejoice in the action of God in life.



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

Reader: Hello. My name is _____. I am in_(city) _____, _(State)_____. The first reading is the Book of Acts, chapter 2, verses 1-21. The text is on page 104 in the back of the 1989 NRSV Bible. I will read the 2021 updated edition. We have another Theophany and another Epiphany at this event. Here begins the reading.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya

belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews^[a] and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: (Joel 2:28-32)

¹⁷ **'In the last days** it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon **all flesh**,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my servants, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

(**Brother notes: Here, the prophecy for the church age ends. The following verses will take place **in the future during the end of the Great Tribulation**, the seven years under the earthly rule of the Anti-Christ.**)

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious
day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved.'

(**Brother notes: the Name here, LORD, would have been understood by the people in Joel's day: 9th, 5th, or 4th Centuries B.C., depending on whose research you read. Indeed, hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Therefore, anyone who calls on the **Name of God shall be saved.**** This is very significant for the message of Ray Of Hope Church: **ANYONE** who calls upon the **Name of God** is saved. Jesus also said this in John 5:24. **Salvation belongs to God, not the institutional church.** End of Brother's notes. **)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Read full chapter

Footnotes

a. 2.14 Gk Men, Judeans

(<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A1-21&version=NRSVUE>)

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+ Psalm

**** **If an introduction is needed:****** Hello. My name is

____, and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____.

The Psalm today is number 104, selected verses with a responsorial verse, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

LORD God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD last forever!
May the Lord rejoice in Creation!
I will sing to the LORD all my life,
make music to my God while I live.
May my thoughts be pleasing to God.
I find my joy in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Glory to God, the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.**

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CHORAL VERSION

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPyYoq0TOgc>)

+ Second Reading

Reader: ** If an introduction is needed:****** Hello. My name is _____, and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____.

The second reading is in the First Letter to the Corinthians chapter 12, verses 1-13.

The reading is on page 174 in the second testament, in the back of the NRSV Bible. I will read the 2021 updated edition. Here begins the reading:

Spiritual Gifts

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts,^[a] brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. ² You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

[Read full chapter](#)

Footnotes

- a. [12.1](#) Or *spiritual persons*

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+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Reader: We sing an acclamation before and one after the reading of the Gospel. Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

We Love Your Word!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church

"Music for Worship"

Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
October 31, 1993
Revised 8/2013

We love Your Word, O Lord for it set us free. We know the
truth, O Lord; We are Yours e - ter - nal - ly. So we stand to hear Your
Word. We praise You for Your Word. Al-le - lu - a! for Your Word. It heals our
hearts, souls and minds. For Your Word, Al - le - lu - ia! Thank You Je - sus!

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Reader: The Gospel reading is John, Chapter 15, verses 26, 2, and Chapter 16, verses 12-15, on page 110 in the back of the 1989 NRSV Bible. I will read the 2021 updated version.

Reader: Truly present among us, the Lord is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Reader: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to John.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord. May the Word of God be
in our (+) minds that we will understand it,
on our (+) lips that we will speak it, and
in our (+) hearts that we will love it.**

John 15:26, 27

²⁶ "When the Advocate^[a] comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

John 16:12-15

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Footnotes

- a. 15.26 Or *Helper* or *Comforter*

[Read the full chapter 15](#)

[Read the full chapter 16](#)

(Source:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+15%3A26%2C+27&version=NRSVUE>
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Gospel Acclamation

Forever, We Are Yours!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church
for the 1996 New Year,
The Year of The Holy Spirit!

"Music For Worship"

Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
December 31, 1995

Glo-ry to the One God! Glo-ry to our Sa - vior Je - sus the
Christ! And, to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, for - ev - er You're Our God!
You brought us out of dark - ness, in - to Your mar - ve - lous Light! Your Word is our
joy! For this we give You glo - ry, both now and ev - er more!
For - ev - er we are Yours! For - ev - er we are Yours!

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Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.



The LGBTQSIAN2ss+ Pride Activities, and Social Events Center of Elmira, NY.

The only Church in Central New York founded and fostered by the GLBTQSIAN2ss+ community for 40 years. October 31, 2023 - 40th Anniversary now in our 41st year in Ministry.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. 1 Cor. 5:10

+ Sermon

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"what has been believed always, everywhere, and by all."

2 Corinthians 4:5-6 ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. (NRSVUE)

God raised Jesus from the dead. Acts 3:15 ".. the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. "

Prayer for our Congregation: (revised, 2023)

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask that your Holy Spirit continue to move in our

Congregation in new and refreshing ways. We open our hearts to be a dwelling place, a home, a temple of your Holy Spirit. Empower us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be used as servants of God, disciples of Christ, and witnesses of God's love and eternal plan. Come, Holy Spirit, and impassion us with your Divine Love. Stir and enkindle within us the flames of compassion, forgiveness, patience, empathy, Joy in believing, thanksgiving and praise, and love for God's holy Will. Build an expectant faith within us with a view of a church that is full of possibilities and potential. Guide our lives; we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Everyone has access to the Holy Spirit, the gift of God to us.

Below is a rendering of John chapter 16, verse 7 by the translators of the Amplified Bible that I find particularly enlightening. This verse gives many of the attributes of the Holy Spirit in English that are packed and hidden in the original Greek Word *parakletos*. Each capitalized word in the verse below tells us how the Holy Spirit is ready to help us. All we have to do is ask with a short prayer like this:

"Oh God, give me the awareness to know you are with me in all these ways through the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Here is the verse in the Amplified Bible

Jesus taught, saying: "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor-Counselor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you]." John 16:7

Did you realize the Holy Spirit is with you to bring you all those actions of God? Understanding the Real Presence of God is with us in Christ through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit; we will experience more confidence, love ourselves and our neighbors, and feel better about our lived experience. You can have all this and more. Start with that simple prayer above.

Signed: Pastor Benedict, 3-6-21, revised 5-20-23.

Things learned from today's readings:

1) We are "in the last days," as announced by St. Peter. When the Holy Spirit was outpoured on those who had been waiting praying since the day of the Ascension, Peter stood up to explain what was happening. He quoted Joel 2:28 - 32.

Joel: (Joel 2:28-32)

¹⁷ **In the last days** it will be, God declares, Therefore, yes, Ray Of Hope Church is a "last days" church because the day the Church began, it was explained to all who would listen that the "last days" had officially begun. Discussing Eschatology is central to understanding the Church and the relationship the Age of the Church has to the rest of the Testament.

2) The holy Spirit is poured out on everyone and is available to all.

that I will pour out my Spirit upon **all flesh**,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my servants, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

In my opinion, the church has never arrived at the completion of these verses. With these verses, the full ministry of the church is open to all people of every ethnicity, every gender expression, and every sexual orientation.

3) The rest of this prophecy happens from the start of the Tribulation Period and has not begun during this Church Age.

(**Brother notes: here ends the prophecy for the church age. The following verses will take place **in the future during the end of the Great Tribulation**, the seven years under the earthly rule of the Anti-Christ.**)

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious
day.

4) Whoever calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. Churches have turned this into, whoever calls upon the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved. That is a true sentence; however, the LORD was understood to be God at the time of Joel's writing. Paired with John 5:24 we have an rationale for teaching salvation is based upon believing in God.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

(**Brother notes: the Name here, LORD, would have been understood by the people in Joel's day: 9th, 5th, or 4th Centuries B.C., depending on whose research you read. Indeed, hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Therefore, anyone who calls on the **Name of God shall be saved.****
This is very significant for the message of Ray Of Hope Church: **ANYONE** who calls upon the **Name of God** is saved. Jesus also said this in John 5:24. **Salvation belongs to God, not the institutional church.** End of Brother's notes. **)

5) With the psalm, we begin our prayer for the Holy Spirit to come and renew the face of the earth. We know society will never become obedient to the Holy Spirit until the years when Jesus will rule over His Kingdom on Earth, as prophesied in the Book of Revelation. Anyone or a group may pray this prayer at any time.

6) In the second reading, 1 Cor. 12:1-13, we learn there are spiritual gifts for the Church. We understand these gifts are accessible to anyone who believes in Jesus in the Church and lives in His Presence. We know in this second reading that it is powerful even to say and pray, "Jesus is Lord!" We learn that one cannot pray the praise of the Lordship of Christ unless Christ allows and empowers it.

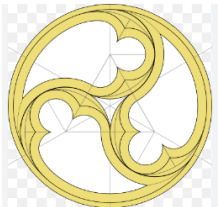
We could, and perhaps should, sing "He Is Lord" right here and now.

7) We learn in John 15:26 the Holy Spirit is Truth and testifies on behalf of Christ. To listen to the Holy Spirit is to listen the authority of Christ among us. The Holy Spirit is the Vicar of Christ.

8) In John 16:12-15, we understand the revelation of Christ and what Christ communicates to and through the church, which comes through the Holy Spirit. We also understand the Holy Spirit continues to give revelation, guidance, and lead the church into ongoing and even new truths. Figuring out what the Holy Spirit is saying becomes a ministry called discernment.

9) If Time allows - some vocabulary:

Perichoresis - a word often used of the Holy Trinity to describe how the three persons of the Trinity move in, around, through, with, above, and below each other in constant movement. Perichoresis is used to describe the dance of the colors of fire, red, orange, yellow, blue, and some see other colors too. While the colors are discernable, they also are in constant interaction. While this symbol is often used to describe the Trinity, I also like to use it to describe our living relationship with the Trinity. Jesus prayed, "May they be one in us as we are one," etc. Therefore, we are part of the movement too. Many symbols in Art show the concept of Perichoresis; see here: [RIGHT-CLICK Here](#).



Often, this Perichoresis may be seen in stain-glass window configurations in Churches. There is such a window at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Elmira, NY.

Anamnesis – active remembering, remembering that brings the event back to us in action beyond memory, a reliving experience.

We are here because of those original fourteen people who clearly experienced the Risen Christ in their lives. They wanted to leave a living and vibrant witness to the fact that God loves all of us and God is responsible for the glorious spectrum of sexual orientation and gender expression. Speak up and speak out for God as you give witness to the fact that Christ is risen indeed and that He lives within our hearts.

DISCERNMENT - CONTINUING REVELATION

Br. Benedict recommends the article: "Jesus is their savior, Trump is their candidates. Ex-president's backers say he shares faith, values" by Peter Smith 5-18-2024 (<https://apnews.com/article/trump-christian-evangelicals-conservatives-2024-election-43f25118c133170c77786daf316821c3>)

Br. Benedict recommends Americans United For Separation of Church And State (au.org). Find their magazine here: <https://www.au.org/the-latest/church-state/>

Project 2025 offers a 900-page playbook for restructuring the federal government in order to accomplish the policy goals of Christian Nationalists—rolling back the rights of LGBTQ+ people, ending marriage equality and even restricting divorce options, banning abortion and limiting reproductive health care, throwing up roadblocks to racial justice, eliminating the Department of Education and diverting public funds to private religious schools, and redefining religious freedom as a license to discriminate. If allowed to be implemented, **Project 2025 would trample the wall of church-state separation and upend our democracy.**

We must be ready to fight this un-American agenda and all the ways Christian Nationalists are trying to impose their narrow religious beliefs on us, no matter what happens in 2024. Join us!

Americans United for Separation of Church and State | www.au.org

Read the Project 2025 here:

[Project 2025 | Presidential Transition Project](#) The 2025 Presidential Transition Project paves the way for an effective conservative Administration based on four pillars: a policy agenda, Presidential Personnel Database, Presidential Administration Academy, and playbook for the first 180 days of the next Administration.

[180-Day Playbook](#)

The time is short, and conservatives need a plan. The project will create a playbook of actions to be taken in the first 180 days of the new Administration to bring quick relief to Americans suffering from the Left's devastating policies.

Pillar IV will provide the next President a roadmap for doing just that. To learn more about Project 2025's vision for a conservative administration, please read our recently published book, [Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise](https://static.project2025.org/2025_MandateForLeadership_FULL.pdf). https://static.project2025.org/2025_MandateForLeadership_FULL.pdf

Br. Benedict recommends:

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump vowed to reverse dozens of the Biden administration's environmental rules and policies at a meeting with top U.S. oil executives, where he also asked them to raise \$1 billion for his presidential campaign, the Washington Post reported on Thursday.

The Post, citing unidentified sources familiar with the meeting last month in Florida, said Trump promised to end President Joe Biden's emissions rules aimed at promoting electric vehicles and halt the Biden administration's freeze on permits for new liquefied natural gas exports, among other actions. (Source: <https://www.aol.com/news/trump-vows-target-electric-vehicles-122145727.html>) Movie: Who Killed the Electric Car? ([link on movie information](#))

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ The Prayers of the People

Leader – 4: Having heard the Word Of God, we pray to God in Christ through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit. Today, we are using communal prayers. After each petition, please respond with, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader – 4: We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our hearts to better equip us to face the particular ministry challenges we have as Ray

Of Hope Church; we pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader – 4: We pray for all the people in parts of the world where wars are being fought. We pray that world leaders would listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and, acknowledge the loss of life, the suffering, loss of economic opportunities caused by wars, and make diplomatic decisions to end all wars. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader – 4: We pray for all people who feel left behind, alone, and abandoned in institutions where they are required to live. We pray that institutionalized people will be aware that Christ is truly present everywhere. We pray they will experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit and be encouraged by the promises of God. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader – 4: In silent prayer, we now lift to God those people we know who are ill and in need of healing, those who are facing poverty and need guidance, and anyone who comes to mind who needs God's grace. We pray together silently now. (**Silent prayer begins.** **Leader, please mentally count to about twenty.**) For all the people we have just prayed for, we pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.


Leader – 4: Lord Jesus, we lift our spoken and unspoken prayers, and we ask you to intercede for us as our High Priest at the right hand of God.

ALL: Amen.

Leader - 5: Hello. My name is _____. I am in_(city) _____, _(State)_____. At this time, we show our gratitude to God and our dedication to the Church of Jesus Christ, His Body present in the world, by offering our financial gifts and support for this ministry.

There are many convenient ways to participate with your donation, including



this QRCode , this link in the bulletin: [Donate to Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ](#); other live links on [our website](#), the envelopes and donation box next to the door always available in the Chapel. Checks can be mailed, [Right-Click Here](#) for our contact information.

Also, at this time, we will set our altars and communion tables at home and in the chapel. Those viewing at home, please turn to the highlighted text on page three of this bulletin to review the instructions for items needed for Holy Communion. In the Chapel here, everyone may assist in setting the Table of the Lord together. We begin now.

Offertory Song: "Spirit Of The Living God " Words and Music by Daniel

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A prayer of thanksgiving for the offering is said here.

(We sing **The Doxology here.**)

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise God the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



WE CELEBRATE THE SACRED MEAL OF CHRIST

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all Creation. Through your goodness, we have this bread, and fruit of the vine, which the Earth has given us and human hands have lovingly made.

Now, through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, this bread will become for us the Bread From Heaven (Exodus 16:2, Psalm 78:24, John 6:32,

41,50,58), and this fruit of the vine will become for us the Cup of Our Salvation (Psalm 116:13), the Cup of Everlasting Life (John 6:54-57), and together they will be the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the very Body and Blood Of Christ (John 6:54-56; 1Corinthians 10:16).

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

(Other titles include the Bread of the Angels (Psalm 78:25), the Bread of God (John 6:33), Cup of Our Salvation (Psalm 116:13), the Cup of Everlasting Life (John 6:54- 57), the Cup of the New Covenant (Matthew 26:28, Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11:25)

Pastor: Please set down your communion kit.

Pastor: Truly present and risen among us; **SAINTS** the Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: As His Body, we lift up our hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: As His Church, we give thanks to the Lord, our God!

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and just....

May our voices be one with all the fabulous Faithful from every time and place as we sing our song and join their unending praise hymns.

Holy, Holy, Lord!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church

"Music for Worship"

Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
October 31, 1993
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Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
5 might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
10 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
16 Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
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27 san - na in the high - est.

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+ We Invoke the Blessing Of The Holy Spirit

Leader: At Ray Of Hope Church, we pray together and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the same gifts that Jesus gave when He instituted Holy Communion for His Church. We invite you to extend your hands forward over the bread and fruit of the vine or extend your arms out with palms turned up in prayer and say the following Invocation of the Holy Spirit with me.

ALL: O God, in the Name of Jesus, we, your faithful people, ask your Only One and Holy Spirit to bless and separate this bread and fruit of the vine for Christ's purpose. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, give to us the Body and Blood of Jesus

Christ in precisely the exact same manner that He gave them, and commissioned us to do often in His Holy Name. You alone, O Loving, True God, authenticate for us that this is the Messiah, Christ, New Covenant Meal that Jesus instituted for **our physical and spiritual** well-being. We ask this in the Name of Jesus.

Amen

Leader: You may relax your arms and hands.

+ The Words Of The Institution Of The Holy Eucharist

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+ The Lord's Prayer

Leader -4: Having heard the Word of God and remembering the sacrifice of the Cross, we invite everyone to pray together the prayer of Jesus.

**ALL: Our Father, who Art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

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The Reception of Holy Communion

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD BEHOLD HIM WHO TAKES BEHOLD THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP

Lord, you make me worthy to receive you and by your Word, I am healed.

Pastor: Open your kit and receive Holy Communion at this time. The Gift of God for the People of God....

Pastor: I assure you, by the promises of Christ, that anyone who receives this Holy Communion today will indeed receive sanctification and healing in mind, body, soul, and spirit, be raised by Christ to new life, and live forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PRIVATE PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

Pastor: We understand that some of you watching do not have actual Holy Communion Bread and Wine. We invite you to pray for a Spiritual reception of Holy Communion based upon a prayer in a Prayer Book at the Episcopal National Cathedral. This prayer assures all the benefits and blessings of a physical reception. Together;

Oh, My Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and welcome you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and

strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

*Spiritual Communion Prayer from the Episcopal National Cathedral Prayer Book.
A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment. Still, circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

+ Final Doxology

Pastor: Together, we pray:

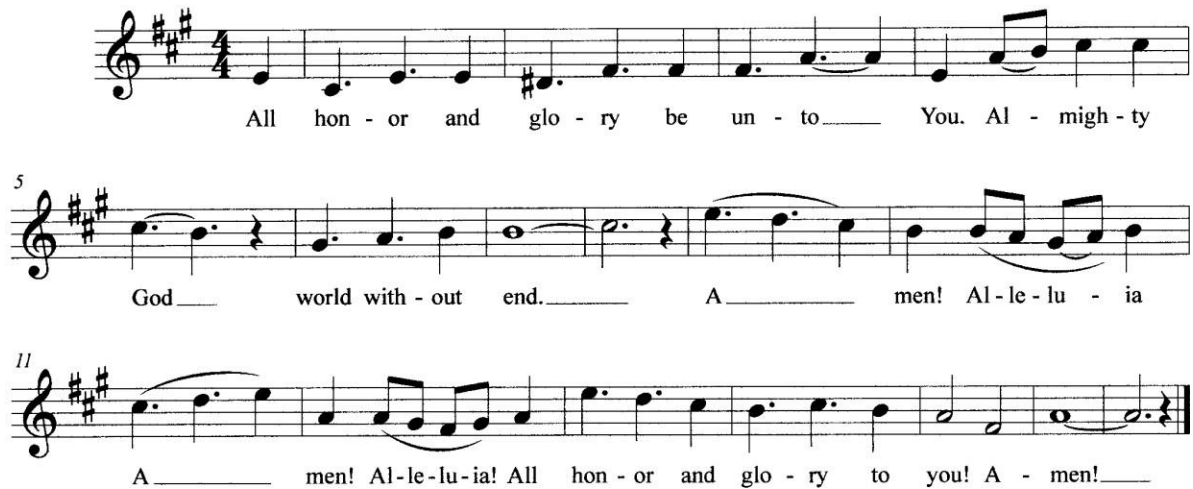
ALL: It is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, forever and ever.

Doxology/Amen!

To my friends in Christ
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All hon - or and glo - ry be un - to You. Al - migh - ty
 5 God world with - out end. A men! Al - le - lu - ia
 11 A men! Al - le - lu - ia! All hon - or and glo - ry to you! A - men!

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+ Sign Of Peace

Veronica Floyd, Moderator: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Please take a moment to share a sign of Peace with those around you.

****During COVID, we wave across the room and into the camera for the Internet.**

Leader: Now, we clean our tables and altars. Please be sure all of the crumbs are in your cup. Add some water and swirl it around inside the cup. Drink the

water. Dry the cup with the side napkin.
Clear your worship table and altar.

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Wednesday, April 24, Attendance 4

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Wednesday, April 24, Attendance 4

General Offering for the week of May 5 \$885.00 Attendance 8 on Sunday;
Wednesday, May 8, Attendance 5

General Offering for the week of May 12 \$TBA Attendance 8 on Sunday;
Wednesday, May 15, Attendance 5

(some people give monthly rather than weekly)

****Special Gifts****

****Recent Special Gifts****

Kaiden donated \$400.00 to the Building Fund. Thank you Kaiden. Lisa Frost donated \$330.00 to the annual fire alarm cellular transmission fee. Thank you Lisa. Michael Austin reconditioned our lawnmower for the 2024 season. Thank you, Michael.

To be added to our email list, fill out the email information form at the hospitality table and place it in the offerings/donations box at the door. Internet participants can email rayofhopechurch@aol.com and write "email list" in the Subject box.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR

** See the Q.R. Code on the last page.**

***** <https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/> Christians
Against Christian Nationalism

- May 19, Sunday, Pentecost Sunday - WEAR RED, YELLOW, ORANGE
 May 20, Monday, No By-Laws Revision Committee meeting.
 May 21, Tuesday, No Bible Enrichment.
 May 22, Wednesday, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.
 May 24, Friday, 2:00 PM Council
- May 26, Sunday, Trinity Sunday
 May 27, Monday, 4:00 PM By-Laws Revision Committee meeting.
 May 28, Tuesday, 6:30 PM Bible Enrichment.
 May 28, Wednesday, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.
- June 1, Saturday, ELMIRA PRIDE , actual 21st Anniversary of first worship at 380.
 June 2, Corpus Christi, relicense our Servants of the Eucharist, 21st Anniversary of the first Sunday worship service in the Monastery.
 June 3, Monday, 4:00 PM By-Laws Revision Committee meeting.
 June 4, Tuesday, 6:30 PM Bible Enrichment.
 June 5, Wednesday, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.
- June 8, Saturday, CORNING PRIDE
- June 9, Sunday The Start of our Juneteenth 10day devotions Introduction.
 June 10, Monday JTDEVOTION#1 NOON; 3:00 p.m. By-Laws Revision Committee
 June 11, Tuesday JTDEVOTION #2 NOON; 6:00 p.m. NAACP 7:15 p.m. Bible Enrichment
 June 12, Wednesday JTDEVOTION#3 11:00 a.m. NOON TRADITIONAL MASS
 June 13, Thursday JTDEVOTION #4 NOON
 June 14, Friday JTDEVOTION #5 NOON
- June 15, Saturday, JUNETEENTH in Elmira JTDEVOTION #6 8:00 p.m.
 June 16, Sunday, Father's Day, 28th Ordination Anniversary, JTDEVOTION #7
 June 17, Monday, JTDEVOTION #8 NOON; 3:00 p.m. By-Laws Revision Committee
 June 18, Tuesday, JTDEVOTION #9 NOON; Bible Enrichment 6:30 p.m.
 June 19, Wednesday, JTDEVOTION #10 11:00 AM Juneteenth; NOON Traditional Mass



We Are Sent Forth To Serve

Leader - 2: **SAINTS:** The Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Leader - 2: We bless you and praise you God for this time of worship we have enjoyed together today. Send us forth now to share what we have experienced with others. We ask you, Almighty God, to bless us with quiet miracles, the warmth of love, and fill us with wonder and peace; (*+*) In the Name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Leader - 2: We pray Romans chapter fifteen, verse thirteen together saying:

ALL: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen (Romans 15:13)

Leader-4: We go forth in peace and Love to serve all people and the Lord ...

ALL: ... on our journey into renewal, fresh beginnings, new possibilities, and a renewed embrace of our potential! Thanks be to God.

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The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Isaiah 9:7 This is all God's fault, God's design, God's doing from start to end.

Br. Benedict at the time of Renewal of Vows, June 20, 2021: "Looking forward, I like to say the first twenty-five years were spent on **stabilization, survival, and sustainability**. The second twenty-five years will be spent on growth to help Ray Of Hope **thrive, train, and transplant** this Congregation to new leadership. The founders and foundresses successfully transferred the leadership to a new generation, us, and now we must do the same. I plan to fade into the Congregation and continue

providing support to the new leadership. My goal is to leave the Congregation with new leadership, in good standing, and thriving."



We never held a vote to decide if we would be an ***INCLUSIVE*** church for you.

We are not an ***OPEN AND AFFIRMING*** church for you.

We are not a ***RECONCILING CHURCH*** or
RECONCILING CONGREGATION for you.

We are not an ***OPEN MINDED*** or ***ACCEPTING*** or ***WELCOMING***
Church where you can attend as long as you blend in quietly and discretely.

WE ARE YOU!

THIS is the Church where YOU belong.

Ray Of Hope Church is the Church by us, for us, and made by You.

The Third Sunday of Pride, 2019

Made by you and for you, because we are

The Third Sunday of Pride, 2019

Ray Of Hope Church Weekly Schedule

Elmira Worship- Sunday 10:30 AM – 380 W. First St. Parsonage/Monastery .
Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign on by 10:15 AM.
Syracuse Worship- looking for a host in Syracuse. For more information
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Bible Enrichment- Tuesday 6:30–8 PM-380 W. First St. Parsonage /Monastery.
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PM [Click Here](#).

**** to call the Pastor: Rev. Shawn Benedict: 607-280-0374***

Policy Concerning Minors at Events

Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all youth and children to worship with us and participate in our activities. We endeavor to provide a safe and non-threatening environment for all children. To this end, we have a Policy Concerning Minors at Events, which is available from the Clerk upon request and is on our website;
http://www.rayofhopechurch.com/Minors_At_Events.htm. Please enjoy your visit with us, and we hope you will return.

NOTE: On June 15, 1996, as a part of the Ordination Ceremony and his profession of Benedictine Vows, Rev. Leo W. McDermott, II retired the use of his secular birth name and was given a new name in Religion, Brother Shawn Francis Benedict.

The Chapel is not open to the general public as we try to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Call for an appointment if you want some time to come in and pray. Our regular services will be blended with live participation in the Chapel and live on Skype and Facebook Live. To read the information on how to use Skype to participate with us, [Click Here](#).. Visit our Facebook page [Click Here](#). We will reopen the Chapel as soon as it is reasonably safe and prudent.

Visitors: Please feel free to fill out the information slip below and place it in the collection plate. Please indicate any special needs you may have. All information will be used for church purposes *only*.

(Optional) Name: _____

(Optional) Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to be included on the church Email list.

I would like to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.



Ray Of Hope Church Statement Of Purpose

In the Spirit of God, and in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, we the Faith Community at Ray Of Hope Church commit to:

- **guide** and welcome all people to the Free Gift of Salvation in Christ Jesus, with a God-ordained celebration of all sexual orientations, and gender expressions, with an open ministry to persons affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS, their families and friends,
- **declare** and openly assert the truth that same-sex relationships, founded and fostered in God-centered Love, are holy and blessed, and in fact originate by the work of the Holy Spirit; and, that God equally uses blessed same-sex and heterosexual Holy Unions and Marriages to bring God's own Love and good news of "Salvation to all who believe" into the World,
- **uphold**, proclaim, and teach the historic Biblical Christian Doctrine, build community through worship and prayer, break the bread, and live the ministry of the Holy Spirit,
- **change** the World around us by living Gospel principles of social justice in everything we do, thereby exposing all forms of prejudice, oppression, racism, homophobia, sexism, and misogyny,
- **proclaim** the ray of hope, which is the soon coming return of Christ Jesus, and the fullness of His Eternal Community where the Will of God will establish liberty, justice, equity, and peace for all God's People and the Universe.

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Scripture verses to share with others:—————

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 2:11, 3:4 The grace, the goodness, the loving-kindness of our God has appeared, bringing Salvation **to everyone**.

John 5:24 Those who hear my Word and **believe in God** who sent me, **have** eternal life, will **never** come under judgment and have passed from **death to life** already.

Romans 10:13 "For **whoever** calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (repeated @ Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21) "everyone, anyone who" asks. "Lord" here refers to God principally as in the book of Joel that is being quoted, so all persons who call on God shall be saved.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
(Isaiah 43:19 ESV)

"Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

