



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 Thirty-sixth year of Ministry.

MISSION: Love God, Love your neighbor,
make disciples of every person everywhere.

(Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19)

“This is the time we need to shine.”

“We are standing in Faith and Expecting Victory.”

Veronica Floyd, Moderator

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

A very 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)

Guests are invited to participate in all parts of the worship service as you feel 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 a time of refreshments and sharing.

October 13, 2019 Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost Year C
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.”

Scripture Readings for this worship event:

First Reading: 2Kings 5:14-17 NRSV 1st Test. pg. 854

Responsorial Psalm: 98:1-4 inside this bulletin.

Second Reading: 2nd Tim 2:8-13 NRSV 2nd Test. pg. 212

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 NRSV 2ND Testament Pg. 80

We suggest you find these Scripture readings in your Bible and place a marker in them before the Worship begins. The readings are also printed in this bulletin for your convenience.)

****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 of the Bible and the 2nd Testament numbers are found in the later portion. If this confuses you just ask someone around you to assist you. Thank you.***

First Reading: 2Kings 5:14-17 NRSV 1st Test. pg. 854

¹⁴ Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then Naaman returned to Elisha, the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." ¹⁶ But he said, "As the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" He urged him to accept, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 98:1-4

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R. The Lord has revealed to the nations the power of salvation.

Sing to the LORD a new song.

The Lord has worked wonders;

whose right hand and holy arm

have brought salvation.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations the power of salvation.

The LORD has made known salvation:

has shown justice to the nations.

has remembered truth and love

for the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations the power of salvation.

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all the earth, ring out your joy.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations the power of salvation.

Second Reading: 2nd Tim 2:8-13 NRSV 2nd Test. pg. 212

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 NRSV 2ND Testament Pg. 80

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon: Pastor Br. Shawn F. Benedict

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All souls are mine says God Ezek 18:4 All the animals and the birds are mine says God Psalm 50:10, 11

In all circumstances, give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thes 5:18

Jesus said: "And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8.32

I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38)

Updated by Pastor Benedict on April 4, 2018

The following Statement Of Faith (Short Form) was adopted on May 12, 1996 by the Ray Of Hope Council in representation of the Congregation and the Pastors. This web page was updated November 5, 2016 to include the addition of our statement on the Doctrine of Universal Salvation, adopted into the By-Laws in September, 2011. That statement is at the end of this page.

All persons of any belief system, and those with no faith or belief of any kind, are welcome at all of the activities of Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ. By this we mean we promise to embrace and include you, not just tolerate your presence.

Persons who attend Ray Of Hope are "free thinkers" who bring a wide spectrum of experience and exploration when it comes to matters of "faith" and "spirituality." Freedom of thought, freedom of inquiry, freedom to question, wonder, and to grow are treasured principles at Ray Of Hope Church.

Each person is uniquely and personally responsible for what they choose to believe, and for their own eternal journey.

I, Pastor Benedict, describe this gift God has given us as an "Open Christianity." It is my opinion that an Open Christianity is God's personal, intimate, and eternal gift to all humanity. When I use the term Open Christianity it is an indication that we acknowledge what God has given us in the Church of the Only Begotten Son, the Eternal Word Incarnate, is so huge in its spectrum and scope of variation and inclusion that we will never be able to explore, never fully understand, or even need everything included in this gift. There is no way to find all of the outer perimeters (the outer borders) or all of the parameters (the measurements in all directions) of this Open Christianity because it is an expression of the love of God, the revelation of God's self through Christ and in the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, in my opinion. Therefore, at Ray Of Hope Church we are not consumed with limits on what we cannot do because this or that is not consistent with the boundaries drawn by denominational records, teachings, or practices. Instead we are amazed, always awakened, and newly aware of the possibilities and the potential we have in what we call an Open Christianity to whatever the Holy Spirit is saying to the churches today. We are assured in the Book of Revelation Chapter 2, verses 7, 11, 17, 29, and Chapter 3, verses 6, 13, and 22 that the Holy Spirit would be continuing to speak to us throughout the dispensation of the Church from its beginning until Christ comes to rule on the Earth.

So, each person is invited while participating in the life of Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ to explore through any and every avenue what the movement of the Holy Spirit is saying to them and guiding them to.

The Pastoral Ministry of Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. teaches salvation is completely and uniquely the purview of God alone and God has accomplished salvation and redemption for all creation as a reality and self-revelation of God. All persons and all of creation will see the New Heavens and the New Earth. (see John 5:24) (Exodus 33:18 and Romans 9:14-18) (Isaiah 25:6-8) (Revelation 21:1-6; Revelation 22:1-5) (1 Corinthians 15:20-28)

While all who attend our functions are free to wonder and explore their own faith and spirituality, the Pastoral and Teaching Ministries of Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. adhere in unity to these Articles Of Faith and base all Doctrines, Dogmas, Teachings and Practices of Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ on these Articles Of Faith.

Our new doors have been installed in the front of the chapel. They were installed October 1 through October 3. Everyone agrees the workmanship is beyond any excellence we imagined possible. We are very grateful to Pastor Reed and Mr. Adamus for their amazing work. We could use some special gifts at this time as the final costs were about \$500 more than we had immediately available. As a reminder, we also are in need of special donations at this time for regular bills that are due. Also, it is a fact that with the passing of Jane Mc Dermott our monthly income has taken a very hard hit. The best way to address these needs is to bring more people to Ray Of Hope who will help us support and sustain this wonderful mission we have been given. We have the message of the Gospel to share with others. We can work together to be sure we are financially secure.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS

General Offering for the week of October 6, 2019 — \$??.⁰⁰
 Attendance— 9. \$76 Jane's service, \$10 NA. We give God thanks and praise for these gifts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Enrichment Session Tuesday October 15 6:30 PM Continuing in the Book of Ephesians. [Click Here.](#)

Thursday October 17 Elmira LGBTQIS Social Group MOVIE NIGHT For more information [CLICK HERE.](#)

Friday October 25 7:00 PM Council.

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 [Click Here](#).

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**** 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 web site; 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 open daily from about 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM most days of the year. When the door is unlocked the public is welcome to come in and pray, read a book, meditate, read Scriptures, and enjoy the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Visitors are invited to use the kneelers or sit in the chair or couch of their choice. Please maintain holy silence in the chapel.

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*.

Name: _____

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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Our website: www.rayofhopechurch.com

Our YouTube page: www.youtube.com/rayofhopenyqlbtqs

—————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 The **grace** of God has appeared, bringing salvation to **all**.

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)