



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 in 2017.”
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.

June 16, 2019 Trinity Sunday Year C

Ordination Sunday 23rd Anniversary

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: Proverbs 8:22-31 NRSV 2nd Test. pg. 591

Psalm: responsorial 8:4-9 found in this bulletin

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5 NRSV 2nd Test. pg. 155

Gospel: John 16:12-15 NRSV 2ND Testament Pg. 11

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: Proverbs 8:22-31 NRSV 2nd Test. pg. 591

** Benedict— inclusive language and NARB —

Thus says the wisdom of God:

"The Eternal One God possessed me, the beginning of all of God's ways, the forerunner of God's prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world.

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there, and marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when God made firm the skies above, and fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when God set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress God's command; then was I beside God as the craftsman, and I was God's delight day by day, playing before God all the while, playing on the surface of the earth; and I found delight in the human race."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: responsorial 8:4-9

R. (2a) **O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you set in place —

What are we that you should keep us in mind,
mere mortals that you care for us?

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

Yet, you have made us little less than the angels,
and crowned us with glory and honor.

You have given us rule over the works of your hands,
putting all things under our feet:

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

All sheep and oxen,
yes, and the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5 NRSV 2nd Test. pg. 155

Results of Justification

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 16:12-15 NRSV 2ND Testament Pg. 110

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All 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.

Sermon: Rev. Benedict

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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

Prayers for our Congregation:

#1)

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask that your Holy Spirit continue to move in our congregation in ways always new and refreshing. We open our hearts to be a dwelling place, a home, a temple of your Holy Spirit. Empower us as you see fit with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be used as servants of God, disciples of Christ, and witnesses of God's love and God's eternal plan. Come Holy Spirit, come, 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 up within us an expectant faith with a view of church that is full of possibilities and potential. Guide our lives, we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen. (5-17,19-16 / Pentecost Br. Benedict)

#2)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your divine Love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in the Spirit's consolation, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Stonewall Riot Apology: Police Actions Were 'Wrong,' Commissioner Admits

The commissioner, James O'Neill, said he was sorry on behalf of the New York Police Department for officers' actions during a seminal 1969 clash outside a gay bar.

The violent police raid at the Stonewall Inn in New York City in 1969 is widely regarded as a seminal event in the gay rights movement. But police officials had long refused to admit that officers' behavior and the raid itself were not justified, leaving a rift between law enforcement and gay-rights supporters that seemed to deepen distrust over the years....."I think it would be irresponsible to go through World Pride month, not to speak of the events at the Stonewall Inn in June of 1969," Mr. O'Neill said. "I do know what happened should not have happened." Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/06/nyregion/stonewall-riots-nypd.html>

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June 17-19 The Poor People's Moral Action Congress is being organized at Trinity Washington University from June 17 to 19, 2019 by the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Nearly one thousand poor people, moral leaders, activists, and advo-

cates from over 40 states across the country will convene on Washington DC for three days to strategize, learn and build power together. <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/demands/>

Systemic Racism

Did you know that there are fewer voting rights in 2018 than there were 50 years ago when the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act were passed?

Poverty and Inequality

Did you know that while the U.S. economy has grown 18-fold in the past 50 years, wealth inequality has expanded, the costs of living have increased, and social programs have been restructured and cut dramatically?

Did you know there are 140 million people who are poor or low-income in the United States today?

- 2 percent of children under the age of 18 (39 million children)
- 4 percent of adults between the ages of 18-64 (81 million adults)
- 9 percent of our elders over the age of 65 (21 million elders)
- 6 percent or 65.8 million men
- 45 percent or 74.2 million women
- 5 percent of White people (66 million people)
- 4 percent of Black people (26 million people)
- 1 percent of Latinx people (38 million people)
- 8 percent of Asian people (8 million people)

9 percent of Native and Indigenous people (2.14 million people)

In 2016, there was no state or county in the nation where someone earning the federal minimum wage could afford a 2-bedroom apartment at market rent. Only one in four of those eligible to receive federal housing assistance actually do so. This has precipitated a structural housing crisis with 2.5 to 3.5 million people who are living in shelters, transitional housing centers and tent cities. This population includes a significant number of women, children, LGBTQIA youth, veterans and the elderly. And there are another estimated 7.4 million people who are on the brink of being homeless.

Ecological Devastation

Did you know 13.8 million U.S. households cannot afford water?

Federal assistance to local water systems is currently 74 percent below its peak in 1977. This has contributed to the inability of public water utilities to address failing and aging infrastructure. It has also prompted utilities to privatize their water systems, even though private water utilities charge 59 percent more per unit of water than publicly owned water systems.

As a result, nearly 12 percent of U.S. households face unaffordable water bills. Tens of thousands of households have had their water shut off due to non-payment, precipitating homelessness, child removal and a host of medical problems. It also means that at least 4 million families with children are being exposed to high levels of lead from drinking water and other sources....

War Economy and Militarism Did you know that currently 53 cents

of every federal discretionary dollar goes to military spending and only 15 cents is spent on anti-poverty programs? ..Military spending in 2017 was \$668 billion and out of federal discretionary spending only \$190 billion was for anti-poverty programs. Under the current administration's proposed budget, by 2023, 66 cents of every dollar of federal discretionary spending would go to the military and only 12 cents to anti-poverty programs. Most of these resources allocated to war are not benefitting our troops.

National Morality

Did you know that thousands of people die every year from anti-poor policies, while an extremist religious and Christian nationalist agenda deliberately diverts attention from the key issues and challenges facing the majority of Americans?

In the history of this country, moral justifications have been offered for the genocide and forced removal of indigenous people from their lands, slavery, resisting the Brown v. Board of Education school segregation case and opposing the Roe v. Wade abortion case. Today, religious extremists focus on issues like prayer in school, abortion, and gun rights that distort the national moral narrative.

...indeed, there are profound consequences to a moral narrative that ignores poverty, healthcare, decent jobs, and other crises facing the poor today. An estimated 10,000 people will die every year from the provision in the new federal tax bill that will take away the healthcare of 13 million people. Thousands have died every year because of some states' decision to deny Medicaid expansion benefits. Overall, more than 250,000 people die in the United States from poverty and related issues every year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS

General Offering for the week of June 9, 2019 — \$140.00

Attendance— 7. Donation box \$18.00. We give God thanks and

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17 - 19 Mon. to Wed. The Poor People's Moral Action Congress in Washington, DC. See our web site for more information [Click Here](#).

Bible Enrichment Session Tuesday June 18 6:30 PM continuing 1 Samuel. For more information [Click Here](#).

Wednesday June 19 is Juneteenth 2019 For more information [Click Here](#)

Thursday June 20 Social Group Meetup will be The movies this week are the last 30 minutes of "A Star is Born" the 2018 film starring Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga. Then a new documentary that celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall. It is 22 minutes in length. We will also see President Obama's declaration of the Stonewall Inn as a National Park. [Click Here](#). Let's be counter culture and "put some feet to the street and actually meet and greet this week."

Saturday June 22 Central NY Pride - Syracuse NY

Sunday June 23 Corpus Christi - Commissioning Servants Of The Eucharist.

Sunday June 30 50th Anniversary of Stonewall

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](#).

Bible Enrichment- Tuesday 6:30-8 PM-380 W. First St. Parsonage /Monastery. Or Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign on by 6:15 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 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.

Visit us on line:

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)