



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-seventh year of Min-

istry. 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.

August 9, 2020 10th Sunday of Pentecost, Year A

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: 1Kgs 19:19a,11-13a NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 326

Psalm: 85 selected verses with responsorial verse

Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 159

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23 NRSV 2ND Testament page 16

****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: 1Kgs 19:19a,11-13a NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 326

At the mountain of God, Horeb,
 Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.
 Then the LORD said to Elijah,
 "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
 the LORD will be passing by."
 A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains
 and crushing rocks before the LORD—
 but the LORD was not in the wind.
 After the wind there was an earthquake—
 but the LORD was not in the earthquake.
 After the earthquake there was fire—
 but the LORD was not in the fire.
 After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.
 When he heard this,
 Elijah hid his face in his cloak
 and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 85 selected verses with responsorial verse

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
 the LORD proclaims peace.
 Near indeed is salvation to those who fear God,
 glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
 justice and peace shall kiss.
 Truth shall spring out of the earth,
 and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD will give benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before the LORD,
and prepare the way of God's steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 159

Brothers and sisters:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from
Christ for the sake of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the cove-
nants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
theirs the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, is the Christ,
who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23 NRSV 2ND Testament page 16

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into
a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed
the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by
himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone.
Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore,
was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against
it. During the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them walking on the sea.
When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terri-

fied. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NOTES

The importance of worship is understood this way. We come to hear and experience a **REVELATION** of God. In this way God is taking action, making movement toward us. Then we give a **RESPONSE** back to God as we are moved by the Holy Spirit to take action and make our movement toward God. Then God sends us out to share these experiences with others in **RELATIONSHIPS** in service to each other.

Grace is God's action toward us. Faith, which literally means trust, is our action toward God.

Grace is totally God's doing. We do nothing to deserve grace or earn it. Grace is freely given.

Faith is totally our doing. We respond to God's love with total trust in that love.

Last Sunday Second Reading: Romans 8:35-39 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 158

MOST SIGNIFICANT FOR US.

Question: ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Answer: ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Question: What about hardships and hard times? hardship, or dis-

truss, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword ??????

Answer: ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us.

Doctrines for Sunday August 9, 2020

Elijah was obedient: "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; The LORD will be passing by."

Strong wind breaking mountains and rocks - NO

earthquake - NO

fire - NO

Matthew 24:6-7

⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

tiny whispering sound - YES

Psalm

God proclaims peace.

When will "Kindness and truth" meet? When will "Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven" ?? Millennial Kingdom

THEN The Lord will give benefits

THEN the land will yield its increase

THEN justice will walk before Christ on the throne and

THEN justice will prepare his steps - his government.

Second Reading

The marriage of God to Israel is irrevocable

THEY are adopted

THEY received the glory and covenants, the Law, worship and the promises.....even from them in the family tree is the

CHRIST who is over all.

Peter: God was not in the storm, but in the voice, Lord save me.

Prayers for your meditation and praying aloud. (continued) See the rotating prayers at www.rayofhopechurch.com/prayers.htm

Lord of lords.

We are Yours!

You are our HOPE.

You are Faithful and True.

I serve only You, Jesus!

I give you my life!

Praise you for life.

Most High God, I love you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS

General Offering for last week; Worship August 2, 2020 - \$183.00. Attendance - 6. Recently there have been some donations made that are behind the scenes. They include but may not be limited to: Veronica and Lisa donated a new webcasting camera for the chapel. Lisa donated a new tarp to cover the access elevator with in the front of the Chapel. Ken and Brother have donated three flags, three poles and display brackets. One says Open, one says Welcome, and one says Together We Rise. Through the combined efforts of Christina and Ian McLaughlin, Ken, and Br., the Frasier and Carley rooms are now air conditioned. THANK YOU so much. We give God thanks and praise for these gifts and others we are unaware of. Thanks, everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nominations for Council are now open from July 26 to August 21. If you have been a Member for one year and are interested in serving on the Church Council, please make your interest known to the current Council members.

Tuesday August 11 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Enrichment Session.
Council August 21 2:00 p.m.

Semi-Annual Meeting September 20

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 will not be open to the public at this time as we try to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. However, all of our regular services will be available live on Skype. To get the information on how to use Skype to participate with us [Click Here](#).. As soon as the ban on group meeting in New York State is lifted the chapel will be reopened.

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)