



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)

"It is time to put our faith into action."

"Faith without works is dead." (James 2:14-26)

Veronica Floyd, 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 November 5, 2023, Souls, Bring Your Soles To The Polls. 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."

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: Deuteronomy, chapter 29, verse 29 NRSV 1st
Test. Pg. 185

Psalm: 33 selected verses with responsorial verse

Second Reading: Romans chapter 14, verses 7-12 NRSV 2nd

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

*We use the term 1st for the "Old" Testament and 2nd for the "New" Testament. The
NRSV Bible, 1st Testament numbers, are in the front, and the 2nd Testament numbers
are in the back of the book. 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 that 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 _____, and I am in the City of ___ in the State of ___. 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.

To be added to our email list, visitors in the Chapel can 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.

Leader-2: Hello. My name is _____, and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____. Good morning, and welcome. Participants on the Internet may receive Holy Communion with us later in this worship event. Membership in this or any church is not required. We celebrate the Lord's open table. **Please bring the following items to your table at this time to prepare: 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 the music supplement are available on Facebook Live; right-click the "Featured Links" icon. On Skype, look in the Chat window for two document icons. Finally, 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. This morning, Ed Askins will play a prelude, "**Jesus Lord To Me**" Words and Music, by Gary McSpadden and Greg Nelson. We ask everyone to listen attentively to enjoy this prayer time and refrain from visiting. Thank you.

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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 to announce the start of the worship event.

Leader – 2: 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. 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: Jesus promised to be with the Church to the end of the age. We joyfully give God thanks and praise.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord.

Pastor: We come here to pray. The definition of the word liturgy is the "prayer-work" of the people. The people lead, serve, organize, and facilitate this public time of assembly to worship and experience God and one another. The people are actively praying and serving those present and God.



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

Today is November 5, 2023, the twenty-fourth week of Pentecost,
in our 41st year of ministry.

Today's theme is Calling all Souls to move your soles to your voting polls to VOTE.

Tragically, today is the fifth Sunday of the war between Hamas and Israel.

Pastor: With our whole heart, mind, and soul, we begin to worship God in the beauty of holiness, spirit, and truth. (Psalm 96:9; John 4:23-24)

ALL: Together, we give God thanks and praise.

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+ The Candle Of Hope

Leader -1: Please be seated. Now we light our Candle Of Hope to celebrate our faith and trust in the promised "Blessed Hope," 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 years later, some churches, religions, and even countries still reject the sick, lonely, and dying people with HIV/AIDS who need spiritual guidance. Therefore, we continue to read aloud over **110,000** names sewn into the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to keep HIV/AIDS in the conscious prayers of people.

Leader -3: Hello. My name is _____, and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____. Scroll to the next page to see the panel names on Block # 97.



NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Block # 97

- Andy (1)
- Tony (2)
- Dave (3)
- Clayton (4)
- Eddie Ward (5)
- George Scheeler (6)
- Douglas von Lloyd (7)
- Tommy Zalewski (8)

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

Leader -2: In silent prayer, remember the names of family and friends who have died from **COVID-related illness** and other causes of death. Pray for their families to experience a blessing from the Holy Spirit when they remember their loved ones. (**pause for silent prayer.**) We hope this candle's flame will 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

(NAMES Project 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.

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."

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Leader -2: In silent prayer, consider our relationships with God and others. Then, confess faults, sins, and failures to Christ, who will forgive us immediately.

(silent prayer)

Leader -2: 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 _____, and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____.

As the war between Hamas and Israel increases, and new tensions arise at the border at the West Bank and surrounding Countries. Hundreds and thousands of innocent people are suffering and being killed; we pray, Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader -4: The lives of all these children who might survive these wars are changed forever and will undoubtedly result in physical and psychological long-term injuries. We pray: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader -4: The message of the Church should be peace and respect between all people, yet churches are staying quiet for the most part; we pray, 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 losing 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 -4: Through confession and forgiveness, we have prepared our hearts to accept the renewal God offers when we listen to the Word, the Holy Scriptures. The Church now provides the service of praising God in thanksgiving together.

Pastor: Please rise as you are able, and we pray.

Spoken:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on Earth.
You are the One God, Sovereign of the Universe,**

**Only Holy God, we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the World:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of God:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord of all,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the
Holy Unity of God. Amen.**

+ Opening Prayer

Leader 5: Eternal Word of God, as we celebrate the anniversary of your love made known through this Church, help us to listen to your Holy Word that we may truly understand it; that, understanding your Word, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; 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

+ First Reading:

Reader: **** **If an introduction is needed:****** Hello. My name is _____, and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____. The first reading is in Deuteronomy, chapter 29, verse 29, in the NRSV 2021 updated edition. The 1989 pew Bibles have a similar reading on page 185 in the First Testament. Here begins the reading.

²⁹The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the revealed things belong to us and to our children forever, to observe all the words of this law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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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 _____.

Today's Psalm is 33 selected verses with a responsorial verse. The response today is, "We praise you Lord, and give you thanks."

R: We praise you Lord, and give you thanks.

Praise the Lord, all you, the Saints.
Praise is fitting for the upright heart.

Praise the Lord with the lute,
and with the murmuring sound of the harp.

R: We praise you Lord, and give you thanks.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
play loudly with all your skill.
The Word of the Lord is righteous and true,
And, every word that comes from God can be trusted.

R: We praise you Lord, and give you thanks.

The Lord loves what is right and what is true.
The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
By God's Word the heavens and the earth were made.

R: We praise you Lord, and give you thanks.

Our soul waits for the Lord;
God is our help and shield.
Our hearts rejoice in God,
and we trust God's holy name.

R: We praise you Lord, and give you thanks.

+ 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 Romans, chapter 14, verses 7 - 12, in the NRSV 2021 updated edition. The 1989 pew Bibles have a similar reading on page 163 in the Second Testament. Here begins the reading.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.^[a] ¹¹ For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to^[b] God."
¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.^[c]

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Read full chapter

Footnotes

- a. 14.10 Other ancient authorities read *of Christ*
- b. 14.11 Or *confess*
- c. 14.12 Other ancient authorities add *to God*

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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.

Opening 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 16:12-15 in the NRSV updated edition of 2021. The 1989 pew Bibles have a similar reading on page 110 in the Second Testament.

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.

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!

[Read full chapter](#)

(Source: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+16%3A12-15&version=NRSVUE>.
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Closing 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!

 **Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.** 
The LGBTQISA2ss+ Pride Activities, and Social Events Center of Elmira, NY.
The only Church in Central New York founded and fostered by the GLBTQSA2ss+ community for 39 years. October 31, 2022 - 39th Anniversary now in our 40th 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

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First Reading: Deut 29:29 ²⁹ The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the revealed things belong to us and to our children forever, to observe all the words of this law.

Second Reading: We are not our own. As we live or die, we are the Lord's. Every knee shall bend.

Romans 14:11 ¹¹ For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to^l God."

Philippians 2:10-11 ¹¹ For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to^l God."

Isaiah 45:23²³ By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:

"To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear."

Romans 14 ⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

John 16:12-15 The Doctrine of Ongoing Revelation. The problem is when "revelation" is read through or delivered through an imposed filter. Therefore, the Congregation, like the monastic community, discerns, listens, and decides how to put that revelation into action. Primary instrument: Congregational Meetings, monthly Council Meetings, other established prayer and discernment activities, and Bible Enrichment Sessions.

Hamas:

Hamas is the current Government of Gaza. Hamas will have to be part of the negotiations to end this conflict. Hamas is not a terrorist organization such as we might see here in the U.S.A., meaning a small stand-alone terrorist cell type of organization. Instead, Hamas is the entire Government of Gaza elected by the people in 2007.

Therefore, Hamas receives all the humanitarian aid sent into the region. There is nothing we can do about this. Hamas is the legal authority at every entranceway into Gaza. Israel is also controlling entranceways from Israel's side.

There is debate on the success of getting the humanitarian aid to the hospitals, shelters, and distribution centers. According to an article published yesterday, November 4, 2023, at 9:56 AM in The Hill, the special envoy sent by the U. S. to the region says there is no evidence that Hamas has blocked or seized the aid. Israel has reported potential Hamas seizures as its main reason for preventing fuel from being delivered to Gaza. I urge everyone to read the article. The Hill: "No reports of Hamas blocking, seizing humanitarian aid to

Gaza: US special envoy" written by Nick Robertson - 11/04/23. (Source: <https://thehill.com/policy/international/4293401-no-reports-of-hamas-blocking-seizing-humanitarian-aid-gaza/>)

Wikipedia reports the following:

"2017 In December 2017, Hamas' leader stated that U.S. President [Donald Trump](#)'s decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital was a "Declaration of War" and called for an uprising against the Jewish State. ^{[142][143]}" Also see the "Brief timeline" on this page.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Hamas)

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SOLES TO THE POLLS
FEET TO THE STREET
PUMPS POUND THAT PAVEMENT



POLITICS IS **DOING** YOU!
IT IS TIME **YOU** DO POLITICS!

Be **WOKE** UP, VOTE NOVEMBER 7

Calling all Souls to move your soles to your voting polls.

#2 Two recent articles support the material presented here today.

- 1) 11/01/23 New York Times: “If Trump Wins, His Allies Want Lawyers Who Will Bless a More Radical Agenda.”

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/01/us/politics/trump-2025-lawyers.html>)

- 2) 07/17/23 New York Times: “Trump Allies Forge Plans to Increase Presidential Power in 2025”

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/07/17/us/politics/trump-plans-2025.html>)

#3 The November 1st article states plans are in place to populate a new administration with a breed of right-wing lawyer far more aggressive than those in the first administration. The article goes on to state the favor that has been enjoyed by the Federalist Society has waned.

Federalist Society - 1982: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federalist_Society

Quoting from the article; “The Federalist Society doesn’t know what time it is,” said Russell T. Vought, a former senior Trump administration official who runs a think tank with close ties to the former president. He argued that many elite conservative lawyers had proved to be too timid when, in his view, the survival of the nation is at stake.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/01/us/politics/trump-2025-lawyers.html>

#4 Now the builders of the 2025 “conservative” administration are looking to The Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002. [heritage.org](https://www.heritage.org).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Heritage_Foundation Founded in 1973 to help lead the conservative movement in the 1980’s. President Reagan took most policy ideas from the Heritage Foundation study series “Mandate for Leadership.”
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandate_for_Leadership)

#5 **Mandate VII**[\[edit\]](#)

The seventh edition of *Mandate for Leadership* was published in November 2016, shortly after the election of [Donald Trump](#) to the Presidency. This edition was longer, published in three volumes, in part because much of the progress toward the foundation's goals had been lost during the [presidency of Barack Obama](#).^[15]

Mandate IX[\[edit\]](#)

The ninth edition in the *Mandate* series, *Mandate for Leadership 2025: The Conservative Promise*, was published in April, 2023, its earliest publication before the presidential election. Edited by Paul Dans and Steven Groves, it has 30 chapters and runs over 900 pages in length.^[16] This document provides the policy agenda for [Project 2025](#).^[17]

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandate_for_Leadership

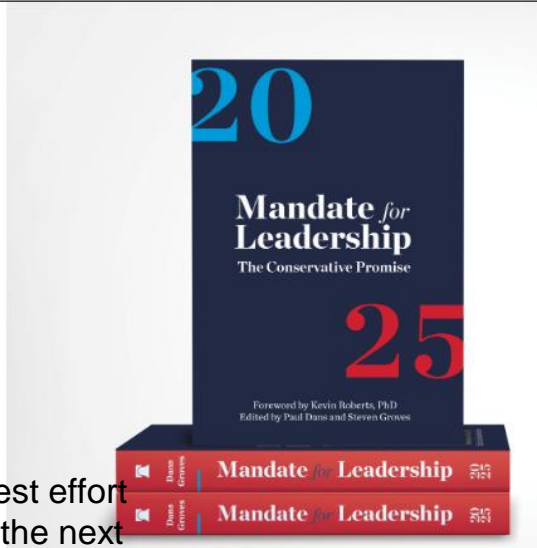
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POLICY

Policy Agenda

This book is an invitation for you the reader—Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, and Ms. Smith—to come to Washington or support those who can. Our goal is to assemble an army of aligned, vetted, trained, and prepared conservatives to go to work on Day One to deconstruct the Administrative State.



“*The Conservative Promise* represents the best effort of the conservative movement in 2023—and the next conservative President’s last opportunity to save our republic.” Source: <https://www.project2025.org/policy/>

#7 “Project 2025 is the effort of a [massive coalition of conservative organizations](#) that have come together to ensure a successful Administration begins in January 2025. With the right conservative policy recommendations and properly vetted and trained personnel to implement them, we will take back our government. Project 2025 is being organized by [The Heritage Foundation](#).” (<https://www.project2025.org/personnel/>)

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.

(Source:<https://www.project2025.org/personnel/>)

#8

Read from pages 13 and 14 A Not on Project 2025. “47th President of the United States..” “handed to President-elect Ronald Reagan....” Read the four Pillars.

FINISH WITH WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE PROJECT 2025

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_2025#:~:text=Expansion%20of%20presidential%20powers,-See%20also%3A%20Unitary&text=Project%202025%20seeks%20to%20place,Trade%20Commission%20and%20other%20agencies.

=====STUDY TEXT =====

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*****OPEN MICROPHONE *****

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+ The Prayers of the People OVER 3,000 CHILDREN HAVE DIED

Leader – 3: Having heard the Word Of God, we pray to God in Christ through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit with communal and shared prayers. Our response after each prayer will be: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader – 3: Violence and Crime are in the news daily. We pray for increased respect, empathy, awareness, and care among all people; we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader – 3: The war in Ukraine continues past the 589th day. We pray that world leaders will continue to support the people of Ukraine as they try to maintain their independence. Additionally, today marks the fifth Sunday of the War between Hamas and Israel. Additionally, there are roughly thirty-three Countries at war this morning. We continue to pray that World Leaders work together to end all wars and find diplomatic solutions to conflict; we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

See this website for more information: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/countries-currently-at-war>

Leader – 2: We thank you, Lord, for the praise report that Gillie Waddington is in remission from Cancer. We ask you to continue helping Gillie. At the same time, we continue praying for people we know who need healing and support, including Cheryl, April, Hennrietta, Trudy, Gilbert, Jacob, Ed's Sister, Allena McGlaughlin, and all who have asked for our prayers; we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/02/fact-sheet-on-one-year-anniversary-of-reignited-cancer-moonshot-biden-harris-administration-announces-new-actions-to-end-cancer-as-we-know-it/>)

Leader – 2: We pray that world leaders will recognize and respond to the environmental emergency of Climate change with compassion and plans for change; we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader – 2: As our Nation votes this week, we pray people will respect the right to have a full spectrum of ideas and contributions to make. We pray all people will participate in this process peacefully; we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lisa Frost: At this time, everyone may add silent prayers for yourself or others, prayers of thanksgiving, praise, or whatever is on your mind. If you share a prayer aloud, please speak loud enough so everyone can hear you. We begin with _____

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

ALL: Amen



(Visit our moving prayers page [Right Click Here.](#))

+ Offertory And Preparation of our at-home Holy Communion Altar/tables.

Leader: 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. Every organization has actual expenses, including but not limited to utilities, building upkeep, insurance, taxes, and so on. In the United States, each Church is a private organization

and does not receive public funding. Together, we keep this ministry available to our local and International participants by keeping it financially viable.

There are many convenient ways to participate with your donation. Anyone



may use the QRCode or press control + click or tap on this link: [Donate to Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ](#) in the bulletin or mail a check to Ray Of Hope Church, 380 W. First St. Elmira, NY 14901. People in the Chapel may use the envelopes and the donation box next to the door before, during, or after this worship event.

Finally, the electronic links are always available in posted bulletins, on Facebook, and on our website. So please give what you can, but never give your last.

At this time, we also prepare our Holy Communion Altars and Tables at home and in the Chapel. Internet viewers, please turn to page three and follow the instructions highlighted in yellow under leader two.

We still use individual communion kits in the Chapel as part of our COVID safety protocol.

Everyone may help set the Chapel Communion Table, and you may walk to the donation box during this time.

(** Viewers on the Internet, please read the following statement. ** Communion is a gift for the worship community to celebrate together, an action of the local Church. However, if this is an extraordinary situation, and you believe the Holy Spirit is calling you to celebrate at a time other than the live webcast, yield to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Hopefully, you can join us in a live virtual worship event soon. (*This practice policy was changed on Gaudete Sunday,

December 13, 2020.*))

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Leader -2: (* **Improvise a prayer for the offerings received, giving thanks and praise.***) (When your prayer is complete, please say:)
" Please rise as you are able to conclude the Service Of The Word Of God with a doxology."

(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

Leader: Please gently hold the communion kit for the following two prayers. Viewers at home pour your wine or grape juice into your cup if you have not already done so. Then, add a small amount of water to the cup. With this water, we remember Jesus is human. With this fruit of the vine, we remember He is divine forever.

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; 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
Revised 8/2013

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.
22 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
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 wellbeing. 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 Reception of Holy Communion

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

ALL: 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: Some people are watching from a location where they do not have actual Holy Communion Bread and Wine with them. We offer the following prayer for them based upon a prayer from the Episcopal National Cathedral Prayer book for a Spiritual reception of Holy Communion. This prayer assures all the benefits and blessings of a physical reception. Together...

Oh, My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I 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, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

+ 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

+ 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
at Ray Of Hope Church

"Music For Worship"

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October 31, 1993

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.

Veronica Floyd: 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.

Veronica Floyd: 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.

A silent prayer one might pray during Holy Communion:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, your death brought life to the World. By your holy body and blood free us from all our sins and from every evil. Keep us faithful to your teaching, and never let us be parted from you. Amen.

A silent prayer one might pray during Holy Communion: Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need of thy mercy.

This prayer is known as the Fatima Prayer. It is prayed thousands of times every day by people praying the Rosary. Looking closely, one can see it is a very gracious prayer that prays for the Salvation of all people. Read more of my commentary on this prayer: [Click Here](#).

COMMUNION SONG: Alleluia composed by Jerry Sinclair

- 1) Alleluia
- 2) Lord, we praise you.
- 3) Lord, we thank you.
- 4) Alleluia

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General Offering for the week of September 24 \$1068.00 (some people give monthly rather than weekly) Attendance 11

General Offering for the week of October 1 \$218.00 (some people give monthly rather than weekly) Attendance 8

General Offering for the week of October 8 \$688.00 (some people give monthly rather than weekly) Attendance 11

General Offering for the week of October 15 \$88.00 (some people give monthly rather than weekly) Attendance 13

General Offering for the week of October 22 \$78.00 (some people give monthly rather than weekly) Attendance 9

General Offering for the week of October 29 \$1,743.00 (some people give monthly rather than weekly) Attendance 9

****Special Gifts recently given.****

New Gifts This Week:

April Struhm donated \$150.00 toward the Liability Insurance. Thank you, April.
Veronica Floyd donated \$50.000 toward the Liability Insurance. Thank you, Veronica.
Thank you to everyone who brought desserts last weekend, and to Ed Askins who has baked for today, 11-5-23.

Recent Gifts:

April Struhm donated another Chromebook to help people see the Order of Worship and Music Edition for Sunday worship. April has donated five computer devices, and one screen to help us with our visual ministry on the Internet. Thank you, April.

Phillipa Askins donated \$230.00 to the new annual Internet costs. Phillipa also donated \$130.00 to be used at the discretion of the Treasurer. Thank you, Phillipa.
April Struhm donated \$100.00 toward our new annual Internet costs. Thank you April.

Lisa Frost donated altar wine for Holy Communion in thanksgiving for the life of Rodney Brewer. Thank you Lisa.

We give God thanks and praise for all these gifts given. We appreciate the special gifts being made at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, November 7, VOTE VOTE VOTE

Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Enrichment. Sacraments, Ordinances, and Rituals part 7.

Wednesday, November 8, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person

November 9, Thursday, 3:00 p.m. Council Budget Planning Meeting

Sunday, November 12, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Second Tuesday, November 14, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. Bible Enrichment

Wednesday, November 15, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.

Sunday, November 19, The Feast of Christ The King, and is

Veronica Floyd's Birthday. Happy and blessed birthday,

Veronica.

Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 pm. Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

Service, presented by the Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition. First

Congregational United Church Of Christ. 171 W. Pulteney St., Corning,

NY 14830. See the flyer

Tuesday, November 21, 6:30- 8:00 p.m. Bible Enrichment

Wednesday, November 22, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.

November 26, Advent, week 1 (backed up one week) - World

Peace Sunday

Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Enrichment

Wednesday, November 29, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.

November 30, Thursday, 3:00 p.m. Council Meeting

December 3, Advent, week 2 – Hope, World AIDS DAY Celebration

Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Enrichment

Wednesday, December 6, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.

Thursday, December 7 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Night 1

Friday, December 8 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Night 2

Saturday, Decmber 9 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Night 3

December 10, GAUDETE SUNDAY – GAUDETE PARTY – Joy, Pride

Sunday in the Winter

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Night 4

Monday, December 11, 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Night 5

Tuesday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Night 6

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Enrichment

Wednesday, December 13, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.

Wednesday, December 13, 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Night 7

Thursday, December 14, 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Night 8

Sunday, December 17, Advent, week 4 – Love, Holy Women and Mother's Day in the Winter

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Enrichment

Wednesday, December 20, Noon Traditional Mass in English - in person.

December 24, Sunday, 10:30 A.M. NATIVITY – Celebration of the Birth of Jesus.

December 29, Friday, 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting

As for the Gaudete Party exchange we agreed to the following: Our practice this year for the Gaudete gift party exchange will be as follows so we can incorporate both on-line and in person participants.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the \$10 limit gift exchange needs to submit their name to the Moderator/Clerk - Veronica Floyd either via email (veeflo@aol.com) or just let her know at an upcoming Worship service or Bible Enrichment. If you are an on line participant, Veronica will need your mailing address to pass onto the person who receives your name.

Participant names must be received no later than Sunday November 26th. Veronica will take all names and put in a bowl and match the names of participants with the names she draws out of the bowl. Veronica will contact each participant and let them know whose name they have no later than Monday November 27th. If you receive the name of a person who is participating on-line, you will need to send them their gift via mail or delivery service so it reaches them by Saturday December 9th. (An option may be to find a small gift item on Amazon and have it sent directly to the person). The gift exchange will take place on Gaudete Sunday December 10th.

Thank you

Veronica

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

At the regularly scheduled monthly Council Meeting, October 20, 2023, Ed Askins was elected to the Council by its members. Presented here is the written announcement as required by our Bylaws to be added to the bulletin for the following two Sundays, today October 22, and next Sunday, October 29. The Congregation (Members of Ray Of Hope Church, Inc.) may take any of the three following options for action before 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 5, 2023:

- 1) The Membership may take no action. Taking no action is acceptance of the Council's vote to add Ed Askins to the Council.
- 2) Any five Members of Ray Of Hope Church may call for a Special Congregational Meeting to reverse the decision of the Council. The motion to reverse the Council's decision will be moved, and if seconded, it will be voted on. The result will constitute the final decision on the motion to reverse the Council's decision.
- 3) Any five Members of Ray Of Hope Church may call for a Special Congregational Meeting to ratify, officially approve of, the decision of the Council to add Ed to the Council. A motion to ratify, and thereby elect Ed to the Council will be moved, and if seconded, it will be voted on. The result will constitute the final decision on the motion to ratify - approve the Council's decision.

See Bylaws Section 5.05 and 5.06 <http://www.rayofhopechurch.com/Gov5.htm>

June 1, 2023, was the TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE ELMIRA CHAPEL.



<http://www.rayofhopechurch.com/P2023-Bookmark.htm> In celebration, we launched the new mobile-friendly version of our website.

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NOTE: Whitney Tipton recommended the 2016 Documentary "13th" which may be found on Netflix. The caption reads; "In this thought-provoking documentary, scholars, activists and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the U. S. prison boom. I have watched it and found it to be very informative and I recommend it as well. Thank you, Whitney.



We Are Sent Forth To Serve

Pastor: The Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: (a prayer is said) In the Name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

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.

CLOSING SONG: Joyful People, Come and Worship. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adpt. Text: June Norris, © 1987; alt. with permission, as in *The Hymnal Project*, © 1989 MCC San Francisco. Licensed to Ray Of Hope Church for use in worship.

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POSTLUDE: Organ How Great Thou Art.

BROTHER: All of our freedom of Scientific inquiry, social studies, psychological research, Biblical research, and laws came to us by voting. All of it can be overturned by vote; that is how a democracy works.

Religion is invoked in the presentations of the rationale for reversing rights gained in social, educational, healthcare, and even religious settings. The only

way to protect what we have is to stay informed and involved in the process.
(Br. Benedict 8-5-23)

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

We have to EDUCATE and ACTIVATE the young adult LGBTQSINAE2ss+ Electorate! This is an Electorate Emergency. This is not a drill! (Br. Benedict 8-6-23)

Visit and follow us on our new TikTok Page: [Right Click Here](#) Here is the link if you need to copy and paste it into your browser:
<https://www.tiktok.com/@rayofhopechurchlgbtqgia? t=8UgoVv5ekqg& r=1> Thank you, Heather and Michael for making this project possible and producing our videos.

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Volunteer opportunities: As discussed at our Priorities Meeting #2 there are some exterior building volunteer opportunities. There are also some first floor interior volunteer opportunities – painting, patching using drywall mud. If you have some time to spare and interest in these types of work please let Brother know with advanced notice so the necessary supplies will be ready.

***** Millennial Series by Dr. John F. Walvoord**
<https://walvoord.com/series/328>

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."

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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

=====Who can receive the Holy Spirit=====

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

Read this on our website. [Right Click Here](#)

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**WHO SHOULD RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION, THE
EUCHARIST, AT RAY OF HOPE CHURCH?**

Everyone may receive Holy Communion, also known as The Eucharist, The Lord's Table, or The Blessed Sacrament at Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.

You are not required to be a member of this Church or any other church to receive Holy Communion at / or with Ray Of Hope Church.

This Holy Communion is the Table of Jesus Christ, who is present among us. Jesus invites you to receive Him in this Eucharistic banquet. If this is your first time receiving The Blessed Sacrament, let us know before you receive it, or right after so we might pray a special prayer of thanksgiving with you.

Unfortunately, through the centuries, many institutional churches have established rules, teachings, and practices that exclude people from Holy Communion. There has been an almost endless list of reasons to exclude people from the Blessed Sacrament. Yet, together, during the worship service, we recite the very words of Jesus, the Words of Institution, "This is my body. This is my blood," and we rehear Christ present with us saying: "Take this, all of you and eat; Take this all of you and

After extensive consideration, I take these words, "Take this, all of you.." as a command to the Church to give and bring the Eucharistic Gift to everyone who will receive. This approach also requires us to educate people about this gift. I have said **it is uniquely and deliberately the work of Christ in His Church** to offer the necessary education, guidance, and practices that help people live a life centered and purposed on finding and sharing the Will of God. The Lord's Table is central to that life.

The Eucharist belongs to the Church. The Blessed Sacrament is Christ in, through, with us, and made known in breaking the Bread of Life and drinking the Cup of Salvation. We are to take this gift to the whole World.

We begin by inviting those on the fringe of Society, those pushed aside, poor, not accepted, sick, and who need God's help in extraordinary ways.

We welcome and bring the Eucharist to everyone told they cannot receive it by other Denominations. In conclusion, to everyone told "no, you cannot" go to Communion in any other church; hear us, "yes, you can" at Ray Of Hope. All are welcome. Or, as we like to say as one of our mottos when we quote Fr. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, "You are as welcome here as Christ Himself."

Come to the Table of the Lord. There is a place set for you too. (Excerpted from the Pastoral Report given at the Annual Meeting 34 on January 28, 2018, by Pastor Br. Shawn F. Benedict, updated 3-6-21, revised 3-3-2023)

Visit our page on the Sacraments. [Right Click Here](#).

See this in a PDF format from our website, share it with others, or download it to your computer/device. [Right Click Here](#)

Ray Of Hope Church Weekly Schedule

Elmira Worship- Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 380 W. First St. Parsonage/Monastery .
Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign on by 10:15 a.m.

Syracuse Worship- looking for a host in Syracuse. For more information
[Click Here](#).

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





Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition (STIC)

Is Pleased To Announce the Hosting of The

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19th, 2023 @ 3:30 PM

First Congregational United Church of Christ

171 W. Pulteney St., Corning, NY 14830

A reception with dessert and fellowship will follow the service.

This service is free for all who wish to attend.

A free will offering will be collected and donated to Doctors Without Borders.

All are Welcome!

