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**September 12, 2021**  
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**REFLECTION**

*"I believe longing toward something that as sacred and whole is part of the human condition. To lean into the light and into hope is not about wishful or positive thinking. Hope is about doing the heart opening and gritty daily work of getting up each morning and trying again (each in our own way) to make the world just a little kinder place.... Hope is the conscious choice to live leaning into something of reason and light." ~ Carrie Newcomer*

**PRELUDE**

*"Cantad al Señor" (O Sing to the Lord)*

arr. Jeffrey Honoré & Anthony Giamanco

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 91*)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**You are my refuge and my fortress. are my God in whom I trust.**

God protects those who know the name of the Lord. God saves them and honors them in times of trouble.

**Show us our salvation, O God. Show us your favor as we offer you our worship.**

**Let us worship God.**

**\*\*HYMN**

*"God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger"*

TUNE: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D (*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*)

God, we've known such grief and anger  
As we've heard your people cry.  
We have asked you, "How much longer?"  
We have sadly wondered, "Why?"  
In this world of so much suffering,  
May we hear your word anew:  
"I will never leave you orphaned;  
I will not abandon you."

By your grace comes resurrection;  
By your love, you cast out fear.  
You give strength and sure direction  
As we seek to serve you here.  
You give comfort to the grieving,  
And you bless the ones who mourn.  
May we trust in you, believing  
Out of chaos, hope is born.

Hope is ours for, God, you love us!  
You have claimed us by your grace.  
And through Jesus, you have called us  
To bring hope to every place.  
In each rescue worker's caring,

In each faithful volunteer,  
In each Christian's love and sharing,  
God, we glimpse your kingdom here.

*Biblical References: Psalm 13:1-2; John 14:18; 1 John 4:7, 8, 18*  
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**OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

**O God, our world still suffers the aftershocks of that first September 11. We need to bow humbly in prayer and remember that you are our rock and salvation. In our sadness, horror, and shock we acknowledge that our own fears can to anger. We ask your help in easing our own anger and recognize its dangers to our spirits, our health, our community, and others. In the aftermath of the events of September 11th, 2001, some have been tempted to seek only their own good, hear only their own truth. Protect our minds and hearts from the hatred that piloted those planes of destruction, that we might give witness to your redeeming grace at work in the world, even and especially in the face of evil. In Jesus' name. Amen**

**\*\*HYMN No. 43, St. 1**

*"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"*

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

*Board of Deacons Mum Sale*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Requiem Aeternam"*

John Hetland

Composed in 2001 in memory of the victims of 9/11

*TRANSLATION*

*"Eternal rest grant them, O Lord,  
And let thy perpetual light shine on them.  
May they rest in peace."*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Psalm 91*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

*1 John 4:7-21*

**SERMON**

*"1 SCATANA, 4 C's, and 10,000 RAKs"*

Rev. William Schram

**ACT OF FAITH & HOPE**

*As the hymn is sung, bring your note of an act of kindness  
up and put it on the 9/11 Day picture.*

**\*\*HYMN**

*"Bring Forth the Kingdom"*

*(GIA: Gather #280)*

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Pray for the Kingdom of peace;  
Work for the Kingdom of justice,  
Hope for the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!  
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Pray for the Kingdom of peace;  
Work for the Kingdom of justice,  
Hope for the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!  
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Pray for the Kingdom of peace;  
Work for the Kingdom of justice,  
Hope for the City of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!  
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Pray for the Kingdom of peace;  
Work for the Kingdom of justice,  
Hope for the City of God!

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, window-washers and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together,

**We remember great courage.**

When we recall the firefighters and medical responders who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

**We remember selfless service.**

When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, we can say together,

**We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.**

When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men and, old and young, single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, we can say together,

**We remember the loss of human life.**

When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together,

**We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.**

When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation's blood banks to make living donations from their very bodies, we can say together,

**We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.**

When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help the survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together,

**We are grateful for generosity.**

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

*Neighbor Brigade – Barbara Bruchac, Sarah Solie*

**UNISON RESPONSE**

**God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of anxiety and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth. Strengthen us to work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people who give of themselves in service to the wider community, truly being salt of the earth and light for the world. We pray in the strong name of Jesus, our Prince of Peace. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN No. 300**

*“We Are One in the Spirit”*

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
And we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**\*\*Those who are able may stand.**

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram, Rev. Barbara Piercy & Susan Jones  
Vocal Ensemble: Rae de la Crétaz, Jessica Goodson, Micki Hardenberg, Noel Piercy  
Madison Goodson, Handbells  
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers