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 Prudence McDaniel, *Cello*
 Jackson Herrscher, *Bagpiper*

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Words of Peace and Reconciliation

The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us. — Black Elk

In separateness lies the world's great misery; in compassion lies the world's true strength. — Buddha

We must be the change we wish to see. — Mahatma Ghandi

It is in the shelter of each other that the people live. — Irish Proverb

In morals, what begins in fear usually ends in wickedness; in religion, what begins in fear usually ends in fanaticism. Fear, either as a principle or a motive, is the beginning of all evil. — Anna Johnson Julian

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. — Martin Luther King, Jr.

Compassion means that if I see my friend and my enemy in equal need, I shall help them both equally. Justice demands that we seek and find the stranger, the broken, the prisoner, and comfort them and offer them our help. Here lies the holy compassion of God that causes the devils much distress. — Mechthild of Magdeburg

And mankind is naught but a single nation. — Quran 2:213

In India when we meet and part we often say, "Namaste," which means: I honor the place in you where the entire universe resides; I honor the place in you of love, of light, of truth, of peace. I honor the place within you where if you are in that place in you and I am in that place in me, there is only one of us . . . "Namaste." — Ram Dass

Past the seeker as he prayed came the crippled and the beggar and the beaten. And seeing them...he cried, "Great God, how is it that a loving creator can see such things and yet do nothing about them?". . . God said, "I did do something. I made you." — Sufi teaching

Mankind must remember that peace is not God's gift to his creatures; peace is our gift to each other. —Elie Wiesel

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. — Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 5:9)

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INTERFAITH SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION



We gather on this twenty-year commemoration of events on the day of September 11, 2001.

We gather to remember when voices were stilled, aware of memories and images of past and present, to remember memories and sounds of agony and of appreciation, of horror and of hope,

of sacrifice, death, and survival,

aware of the potential of respect for others

and peace with equity, which may yet become reality in ways small and large, in relationships near and far.

We gather remembering, and with prayerful hope.

Live Streamed and Recorded at 6:55 p.m.,
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 First Presbyterian Church – Bryan, Texas

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE
TWENTIETH COMMEMORATION OF 9-11-2001**

Welcome to this interfaith and community service of remembering and of commitment to reconciliation twenty years after the September 11, 2001 attacks. Peace, healing, perseverance, and newness of life be to all.

—Ted V. Foote, Jr., *Pastor*
First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas

PRELUDE Michelle Lassiter, *Pianist*
As the Deer Harlan Rogers
Wind Beneath My Wings Dan Fox/M. Lassiter

WELCOME Emily Béghin

GOALS OF REMEMBERING ON THIS OCCASION
What do we remember? Eric Buske
Why do we remember? Clarissa Kennedy
How do we remember? Jocelyn Widmer
Where do we remember? Margaret Brock
When do we remember? Michael Kennedy

SONG (all voices) This Is My Song Lloyd Stone/Jean Sibelius
(FINLANDIA)

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the oceans, and sunlight beams on clover-leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

READINGS AND PRAYERS FROM SACRED TRADITIONS: JUDAISM
Edie Leavengood

READINGS AND PRAYERS FROM SACRED TRADITIONS: ISLAM
Abdurrahman Arastu *and* Dr. Michael Thompson

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING Antonin Dvořák
“Lento” from *String Quartet No. 12 in F, Op. 96, B. 179* (American)
THE MARIAN ANDERSON STRING QUARTET
Marianne Henry, Nicole Cherry, *violins*;
Diedra Lawrence, *viola*; Prudence McDaniel, *cello*

READINGS AND PRAYERS FROM SACRED TRADITIONS: ROMAN CATHOLIC
Daniela Garza-Ramirez *and* Andy Valadez

READINGS AND PRAYERS FROM SACRED TRADITIONS: PROTESTANT
George Beckworth *and* Cal McNeill

Text in bold face type is to be read or sung by all

SONG Mansions of the Lord R Wallace
Singing Cadets – Texas A&M University N Glennie-Smith
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*To fallen soldiers let us sing where no rockets fly nor bullets wing.
Our broken brothers let us bring to the Mansions of the Lord.
No more bleeding, no more fight. No prayers pleading through the night.
Just divine embrace, Eternal light in the mansions of the Lord.
Where no mothers cry and no children weep, we will stand and guard though
the angels sleep. All through the ages safely keep the Mansions of the Lord.*

READINGS AND PRAYERS FROM SACRED TRADITIONS: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Debbie Fry

READINGS AND PRAYERS FROM SACRED TRADITIONS: UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST
Maya Lazarus

SONG Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream Ed McCurdy
Dan DeLeon
*Last night I had the strangest dream I ever dreamed before.
I dreamed the world had all agreed to put an end to war!
I dreamed I saw a mighty room. The room was filled with men
And the paper they were signing said they'd never fight again.
And when the papers all were signed, and a million copies made,
They all joined hands end bowed their heads, and grateful prayers were
prayed. And the people in the streets below were dancing round and round.
And guns and swords and uniforms were scattered on the ground.
Last night I had the strangest dream I ever dreamed before
I dreamed the world had all agreed to put an end to war!*

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING Amazing Grace Jackson Herrscher, *Bagpiper*

PRAYER Daryl Hay
O God, eternal and compassionate, holy and wise: Nine-eleven twenty-o-one was an ordinary morning, like most others. We thought. Yet in one-hundred-two minutes, four attacks and twenty-nine-hundred-seventy-seven lives are taken; and history for incalculable others is changed. Twenty years of war follow. We are weary. We are tired. We are sad that partisans of power and ideology seek still to lay waste to one another. Forces advancing and forces retreating continue their influences. Communities which promote dignity, mutual respect, and reconciliation in relationships remain beyond much of our experience. Prompt our turning to you with empty hands and lives, committing to you our minds, spirits, and relationships. All our fears relieve, and tears wipe dry. With your transforming, life-changing power, grant that, however long before death and however long after, we, with others, realize the privilege of serving in your name and singing your praise in diversity and in unity, doing so according to your faithfulness, which is from everlasting to everlasting. **Amen.**

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING Amazing Grace Jackson Herrscher, *Bagpiper*

SONG (all voices) Let There Be Peace on Earth Miller/Jackson
**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Maker, fam'ly all are we.
Let me walk with this fam'ly in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

SPOKEN BENEDICTION Caressa Murray
Please join me in saying together our spoken benediction:

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to this nation and this, your world, peace and justice; to us and all your servants, compassion and steadfastness of which you are the only source; light to guide us on our way; courage to support us; and your blessing to unite us in the service to which you call us among all your people, this day and night and forever. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin
Singing Cadets – Texas A&M University
*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.*

DISMISSAL Emily Béghin
With reverence for the lives lost related to the September 11 event, even across the past twenty years, and with prayers each day for healing and newness-of-life, let us say together:
Amen. May it be so.

POSTLUDE Chris Hoffman, *Organist*
All through the Night arr. Dale Wood
(Welsh: AR HYD Y NOS)