

The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in detail. The colors are vibrant, with the red stripes and white stars on a blue field.

**10th
Anniversary
9-11
Remembrance Service**

*Salem Courthouse Community Center
2:00 in the afternoon*

Welcome

Opening Remarks

Presentation of the American Flag/Pledge

My country, 'tis of Thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let Freedom ring.

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Litany of Remembrance

The candle is lit in remembrance for all who suffered and died on September 11, 2001, in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. We lit the candle to remember those who still live and who suffer because of the events of that day

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

When we recall the firefighters 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 remember 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 selfless service.**

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 survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together, **We are grateful for generosity.**

We lit the candle to light the way to a better world for our children and our children's children and all the children of God.

We recall with joy the unity we felt in the outpouring of help, kindness, thoughtful words and deeds from at home and around the world, **We must hold firmly to our unity, borne forward now not of tragedy but of loving kindness.**

We place fresh confidence in international organizations and conversations that bring the diverse gifts of the world to the problems of poverty, injustice, terror and strife, **We long for wise policies that forego short term gain for long term stability, justice and peace.**

Kim Gariepy
Seth Pitts & Anne Dunigan
American Legion Post 812

Rev. Debbie Earthrowl

Rev. Gary Kriss

Jim Gariepy

(A moment of silence)

America the Beautiful (by Katharine Lee Bates, words, and Samuel Wards, melody)

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O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Scripture

We Remember Them

Fr. Liam Condon

Kim Gariepy

In the rising of the sun and its going down,
We remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
We remember them.
In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring,
We remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
We remember them.
In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
We remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
We remember them.
When we are weary and in the need of strength,
We remember them.
When we are lost and are sick at heart,
We remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share,
We remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live,
For they are now a part of us,
As we remember them.

Prayer

Pastor Donna Frischknecht-Jackson

