

Prelude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Arr. Gordon Young

Welcome

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Prayer

***Pledge of Allegiance**

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

***The National Anthem**

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Text: Francis Scott Key
Music: John Stafford Smith

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the Rockets' red glare, the Bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there;
O! say does that star-spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the Land of the free and the home of the brave?

Recognition of Attending Dignitaries

***Hymn**

**“God of Our Fathers”
(NATIONAL HYMN)**

Text: Daniel C. Roberts
Music: George W. Warren

¹ God of the fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

² Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

³ From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

⁴ Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Remembering the Events of 9/11

Richard Hulse

NY Fire Chief (Retired)

***Moment of Silence for The Victims of the 9/11 Attacks**

Bugle Call

“Taps”

Arranged by Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield
Steve Jackson, trumpet

Words for Our First Responders

Rev. Gaston

***Prayer for Our First Responders (praywithme.com)**

(All in unison) O God, You are the preserver of all, and the keeper of our lives. We commit ourselves to Your perfect care on the journey that awaits us. We pray for a safe and auspicious journey. Give Your angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways. Let no evil befall us, nor any harm come to our dwelling that we leave behind. Although we are uncertain of what the days may bring, may we be prepared for any event or delay, and greet such with patience and understanding. Bless us O Lord, that we may complete our journey safely and successfully under Your ever watchful care. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

***Hymn**

**“Under the Care of My God, the Almighty”
(UNDER HIS WINGS)**

Text: Psalm 91
Music: Ira D. Sankey

¹ Under the care of my God, the Almighty,
safe in the secret place of the Most High!
He is my refuge, the Lord is my fortress,
him I am trusting when trouble is nigh.

Refrain: Under his wings, under his wings,
safe in the refuge hide thee;
trusting his truth and faithfulness,
no evil can betide thee.

² Be not afraid for the terror of midnight,
nor for the arrow that hasteth to slay;
fear not the pestilence walking in darkness,
nor the destroyer that wasteth by day. [Refrain]

³ Seek the Most High for thy sure habitation,
unto Jehovah for refuge now fly;
there shall no evil befall thee nor harm thee,
unto thy dwelling no plague shall come nigh. [Refrain]

⁴ Love thou the Lord, surely he will deliver;
he will exalt thee and answer thy prayer;
he will be with thee to honor and give thee
life without end, his salvation to share. [Refrain]

***Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Postlude on HERMAS”
Arr. Gordon Young

[*Please stand, if able]

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9/11 Service of Remembrance and Gratitude

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