

Prelude	"America, Our Own" Arr. Gayden Sikes	*Hymn	"God of Our Fathers (NATIONAL HYMN) Text: Daniel C. Roberts Tune: George William Warren
Welcome	Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD Pastor, Union ARP Church		<div>1</div> God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads for in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
Call to Worship			<div>2</div> From wars alarms, from deadly pestilence, Be thy strong arm our ever-sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, They bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
			<div>3</div> 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.
Invocation		Remembering Chief Richard A. Hulse	
	*Presentation of the Flag of the United States of America		Born in Greenport (NY) in 1942, Richard was a member of the Greenport Fire Department for 32 years, holding the title of Chief. Upon retiring, he and his wife of 62 years, Cherie, moved to Fort Lawn (SC) where he quickly joined the Fort Lawn Fire Department. Richard grew to be known as the man who would never forget 9/11, and was instrumental in securing an I-beam from the towers, and having it made into a memorial called <i>Soaring into Heaven</i> . He also secured a retired fire truck from Greenport to be used as a display truck and 9/11 memorial. He worked tirelessly with Fort Lawn Fire Chief David Dutton and many others to secure funding, for the new firehouse located on Pleasant Avenue in Fort Lawn, which is now named and dedicated as the <i>Richard A. Hulse Headquarters Station</i> .
	*Pledge of Allegiance		
	<div>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.</div>		
*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		Words for Our First Responders	Rev. Gaston
			"Taps" Arranged by Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield Steve Jackson, trumpet

**\*Hymn**

**“America the Beautiful” (MATERNA)**

Text: Katherine Lee Bates

Music: Samuel A. Ward

<sup>1</sup> 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!

<sup>2</sup> O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life.  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

<sup>3</sup> O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears.  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

**\*Prayer for Our First Responders (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 and greet such with patience and care. 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.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**“My Country ‘Tis of Thee” (AMERICA)**

Arr. Ben Alder



**[\*Please stand, if able]**

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**9/11 Service of Remembrance and Gratitude**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**12:30 PM**