



9/11 Memorial Vigil

2026

~Introduction and Words of Welcome

~ Call to Worship:

*Leader: Tonight we gather in the quiet of remembrance —
to honor lives lost, to hold families still grieving,
to name the courage of first responders,
and to seek God's peace in a world still aching for healing.*

***People: We remember. We grieve. We hope.
God of mercy, meet us in this vigil.***

*Leader: When the world feels fragile, when violence shakes our confidence,
when fear tries to write the story; God remains our refuge and strength.*

***All: We come to the One who holds us.
We come seeking peace beyond understanding. Amen***

~Opening Prayer:

***(All) Holy One, On this solemn night, we remember the tragedy of
September 11th. We remember the shock, the smoke, the sirens, the silence
that followed. We remember the lives taken, the bravery shown, the
compassion awakened.***

Hold this community in your gentleness.

Hold every grieving heart in your tenderness.

***Hold our nation in your wisdom, that we may choose justice without
vengeance, courage without hatred, and hope without fear. Amen.***

~ Scripture Reading Psalm 46:1–3, 10

~Pastoral Reflection

~ Candle Lighting

*Leader: As we light these candles, we honor the lives lost, the families forever changed,
the responders who ran toward danger; and the hope that still rises.*

All: Light in the darkness, peace in the storm, love that endures.

~Prayers of the People

~ Moment of Reflection and Meditation

~ Closing Prayer: *God of remembrance and hope, As we leave this vigil,
let the light we carry tonight become the light we offer tomorrow. Make us instruments
of peace, bearers of compassion, and witnesses to love that never fails. Amen.*

~ Benediction