

Leader: In an era filled with difficulty and tragedy we dare to hope for an era yet to come in which the slaughter of innocents, greed, the ambitions of power, and cultural, racial and religious bigotries are but memories of a dim and unenlightened past.

Unison Prayer: GOD OF THE AGES, BEFORE YOUR EYES ALL EMPIRES RISE AND FALL YET YOU ARE CHANGELESS. BE NEAR TO US IN THIS AGE OF TERROR AND IN THESE MOMENTS OF REMEMBRANCE. UPHOLD THOSE WHO WORK AND WATCH AND WAIT AND WEEP AND LOVE. BY YOUR SPIRIT GIVE RISE IN US TO BROAD SYMPATHY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF YOUR EARTH. STRENGTHEN US TO COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN AND WORK IN LARGE WAYS AND SMALL FOR THOSE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE. BLESS THE PEOPLE AND LEADERS OF THIS NATION AND ALL NATIONS SO THAT WARFARE, LIKE SLAVERY BEFORE IT, MAY BECOME ONLY A HISTORIC MEMORY. WE PRAY IN THE STRONG NAME OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE...OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

Distribution of the yellow ribbon of remembrance and unity

* Benediction

*Closing Voluntary



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

CAMPUS WORSHIP

Catawba College
Omwake-Dearborn Chapel
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 10:00 p.m.

Gathering Music

Hark! A Voice Saith All Are Mortal

Professor Paul E. Oakley
J.S. Bach

*Solemn Declaration

*A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE, PENITENCE AND HOPE

Leader: When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, windowwashers and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER GREAT COURAGE.

Leader: When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER SELFLESS SERVICE.

Leader: 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,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER SELFLESS SACRIFICE FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.

Leader: When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men, 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,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE.

Leader: When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS FOR DUTIFUL COMMITMENT TO THOSE IN DISTRESS.

Leader: 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,

Congregation: WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ON TO PASS ON LIFE AND LOVE.

Leader: When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help the survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together,

Congregation: WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GENEROSITY. REMEMBRANCE BEGINS WITH DEEP, PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION. IT BEGINS WITH REMEMBERING THE AFFLICTION OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND MARKING THEIR PAIN AS OUR OWN. REMEMBRANCE IS A SACRED OMEN WHEN WE RAISE UP AND HOLD TO THE LIGHT OF THE ETERNAL MOMENT, THE GOOD WHO HAVE PASSED. WE LIGHT A CANDLE, IN PENITENCE, RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE NOT DONE ENOUGH TO ADDRESS THE SOURCE OF ANGER, HATE, DEHUMANIZATION, RAGE AND INDIGNATION THAT LEAD TO ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

*Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God #439

A Reading to focus our remembering: "The Eagle's Perch"

Words of Scripture: Psalm 130

We light a candle for the souls of the innocent

The Prayer of a college student

Words of Scripture: Psalm 23 (in unison)

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT; HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES. HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS; HE RESTORES MY SOUL. HE LEADS ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE. EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I FEAR NO EVIL; FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES; THOU ANOINEST MY HEAD WITH OIL, MY CUP OVERFLOWS. SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE; AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

Anthem

Recollection of Joy

Donna Jo Butler

We light a candle for those who entered darkness to save lives and property...we celebrate the light of compassion which God sends

Words of Scripture: *Psalm 121*

We light a candle for families and friends

Words of Scripture: *Psalm 130*

We light a candle for leaders of our nation and the world

Words of Scripture: *Ephesians 6:18-19*

We light a candle for all humanity

Words of Scripture: *Matthew 5:43-45a, 46-48*

* A Litany (Continued)

Leader: May the light represented by these candles point to a better world for our children, and all the children of God. To that end, 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.

Congregation: WE MUST HOLD FIRMLY TO OUR UNITE, BORNE FORWARD NOW NOT OF TRAGEDY BUT OF LOVING KINDNESS.

Leader: 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.

Congregation: WE LONG FOR WISE POLICIES THAT FOREGO SHORT TERM GAIN FOR LONG TERM STABILITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE.