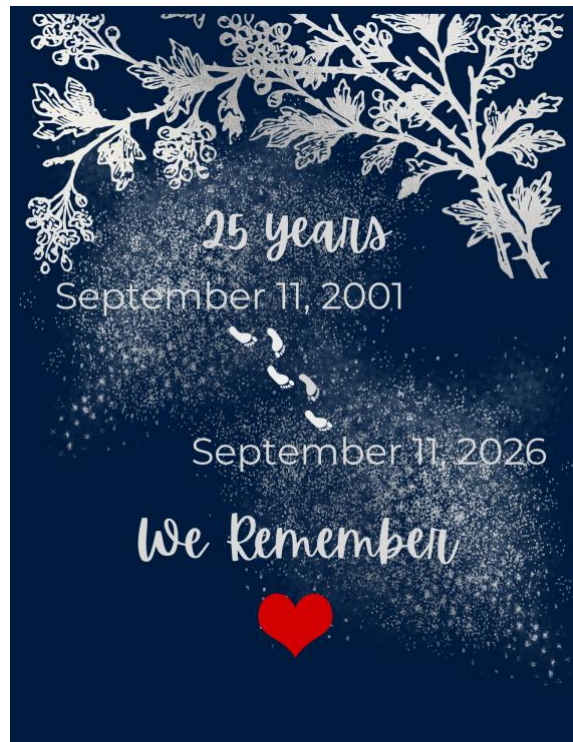




***Peace United Church of Christ
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026***

Welcome

Opening Hymn “America the Beautiful”

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!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Prayer of Invocation (praying together)

*God of tender compassion,
we thank you for your presence with us
as we remember that dark day 25 years ago.
Our hearts are with those who lost family and friends,
first responders who never returned to their stations,
hospital workers who waited for patients who never arrived.
We pray for the grace to continue to honor the sacrifices
made on that day. May we prove worthy of their memory.
May we continue to seek common ground, show mutual respect,
and work for peace. Amen*

Scripture Readings

Exodus 14: 19-31

Matthew 18: 21-35

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Benediction & Blessing