

9/11 Commemoration

Today, we commemorate the events of September 11, 2001, when we experienced an act of terror, if not war, against our country, taking the lives of nearly three thousand people, representing the complex make-up and diversity of a great nation.

They were not soldiers in arms. They were not aggressors. They were not a threat to any nation or religion.

They were human beings going about the everyday business of life. One of them a young woman, Karen Elizabeth, the daughter of Lena and Linzee Whittaker.

Their deaths were, and are, the ultimate example of what evil and twisted minds can devise when the soul is devoid of conscience, and from which all love has been drained and replaced with the deepest form of hatred for all humankind.

Not only was this nation attacked; but so was civilization itself.

Christianity and Judaism may have been singled out by those who were responsible, whether for carrying out the acts or planning them; but it is not Christianity and Judaism alone that are threatened. Civilization, all that is good and conscionable in the world, is threatened. This we continue to witness.

Time heals but, in such events as those of 9/11, time should not be allowed to fade the memory.

Though we are called to prayer in such times, our continued response should be measured but actionable in keeping with our faith as Christians, and the mandate given to us by our Lord and Saviour to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, to change the world, and to unite all people in Christ Jesus.