

"IN A PENNSYLVANIA FIELD, 40 WIND CHIMES are ringing in perpetuity for the 40 people who died there Sept. 11, 2001." So began a story in The Washington Post two years ago, which then went on to describe in more detail the Flight 93 National Memorial in that field. Younger Americans will not remember the terrorist attacks on the United States nineteen years ago this Friday. But those old enough to remember will never forget the television footage of hijacked airliners crashing head-on into massive buildings in New York City and Washington, DC.

Why the wind chimes in Pennsylvania? Hijackers on another plane heading for San Francisco were thwarted in their attempts to head the plane toward the nation's Capitol when the "40 passengers and crew members carried out an insurrection that prevented further catastrophe," according to The Post. Due to their heroic actions, the plane crashed near Somerset, PA. All on board were killed, saving the lives of many others.

Who were those forty brave people? Folks like you and me, going about their daily lives, seized by a noble purpose. At least one was a believer in Jesus. They were wise enough to recognize danger and realize action was needed, though the risk was great and they paid with their lives. "In essence, they were individuals, but they acted as one," said Stephen Clark, superintendent of the Memorial. "That's why these voices, these chimes, this tower truly represent their courage and their spirit as a group in perpetuity."

And so forty wind chimes of various sizes and tones are suspended from the Tower of Voices, ninety-three feet tall to symbolize Flight 93. May they remind us to consider our own mortality and seek wisdom for our lives. "Wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3: 17).

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*Wisdom is
the principal thing;
therefore
get wisdom.*

Proverbs 4:7

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Call to Worship *Sounds of Hope Part 2*

Invocation *Ron Marks*

Sing Unto the Lord *Tina Pinkoson*
Hymn #492 At Calvary

Welcome and Announcements *Ron Marks*
Recognition of Guests
Mission Moment
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song *Tina Pinkoson*
Hymn #493 Glory to His Name

Offertory Prayer *Joe Morgan*

Offertory *Rose Morgan*

Special Music *Sounds of Hope Part 2*

Pastoral Prayer *Ron Marks*

Scripture
Ephesians 1:3-14
Sermon *Tina Pinkoson*
"Happy Birthday!"

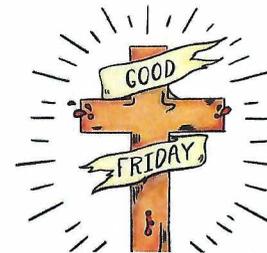
Hymn of Benediction
Hymn # 343 Amazing Grace *Tina Pinkoson*

Scripture for Today

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.



Good Friday Service April 2