

Tuesday digest

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- Robert Westbrook on why there was [no new New Deal](#): "In 2008. both enthusiasts and enemies of a new New Deal misjudged Obama. They also misjudged the circumstances he faced." (subscription required)
- Diane Roth [honors workers](#): "Lack of respect for different kinds of work is everywhere; it's not just the man who thinks that I have an 'easy job' as a pastor."
- Theodore Wardlaw on [preaching on 9/11/11](#): "Of the texts appointed for Sunday, the tenth anniversary of what we now simply call 9/11, the [Old Testament reading](#) seems most capable of responding to the range of emotions we may feel as we remember the atrocities of that day."
- Wardlaw's [magazine lectionary column](#) for next Sunday, September 18: When we speak of manna from heaven, we usually do so with a big helping of irony." (subscription required)

Links from elsewhere:

- Strong [Labor Day column](#) by E.J. Dionne, drawing from Lincoln and John Paul II

- A [reconciliation focus](#) in Libya
- [A brush with a young suicide](#)
- The [Logan Airport workers](#) who made it home on 9/11 but were scarred by the day's events
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