

CABRINI LABYRINTH BLESSING AND DEDICATION
AUGUST 25 AND 26, 2018

All gather near the entrance to the Labyrinth (planners see to it that each person has a worship aid). On Sunday we will ring chimes downstairs at 10:30 am at hospitality to let people know we are gathering.

Welcome to all

SONG: WALKING THE LABYRINTH, verses 1 and 2

(text: Jill Hartwell Geoffrion ©1998; tune: DIX (For the Beauty of the Earth)
(Dedicated with gratitude to Madeline Sue Martin)

**To your open mouth we come,
pausing with expectancy.
Posing questions, praying dreams,
gath'ring courage, hope and faith,
Circle, you hold life indeed.
With thanksgiving we proceed.**

**Stepping in, the way is sure,
Pacing comes in its own time.
Breathing slows, awareness dawns,
Trusting, longing fills our hearts.
Pathway, you hold life indeed.
With thanksgiving we proceed.**

All move to the center of the labyrinth and form a circle as large as needed to include everyone.

THE LABYRINTH PRAYER

(leader, August 25 – Sue Sibilski, August 26 – Jim Jernberg, reads first line of each section; all read bold lines)

We stand together
We honor sacred space
We honor the labyrinth

We honor the east
We honor air
We receive grace

We honor the south
We honor fire
We share responsibility

We honor the West
We honor water
We enjoy life

We honor the North
We honor earth
We stand for truth

We honor the Above
We honor space
We are free

We honor the Below
We honor the dark
We are safe

We honor the Within
We honor ourselves
We honor each other
We are love

We are the peacekeepers
We are the caregivers
We are the lightbearers

We are all
We are one
We stand together.
Written by Carol House 2002

SONG: WALKING THE LABYRINTH, verse 3

In the center we are held,
deeply knowing, deeply know.
Healing, wholeness rising up,
Wisdom, insight overflow.
Center, you hold life indeed.
With thanksgiving we proceed.

WATER BLESSING

As the water is brought to each person (water bearer – Ruth Olson), and the bouquet is handed one to another, please bless any section of the Labyrinth near you! Drumming during this (Sunday – Jacki Betsworth)

DEDICATION BLESSING

Chris Kosowski:

Loving Creator and Inner Spiritual Guide, our God, be with all of us today as we dedicate and set apart this Sacred Path.

Mary Kaye Medinger:

Grant that those who come to it seeking your wisdom may find it.

Dave and Mary Schultz (one on Saturday, one on Sunday):

Grant that those who come to it seeking your healing, may receive it.

Mary Kaye:

Grant those who come with guilt and fear may be freed for transformation.

Dave and Mary Schultz (one on Saturday, one on Sunday):

Grant that those who come as pilgrims seeking whatever answers they need, may find within a ready source of love, power, and peace.

Mary Kaye:

We ask you to bless this labyrinth, and grant that it may allow your people to be your Loving Presence among us.

Margo Casey (Saturday) and Jim Jernberg (Sunday):

In our fast paced society we often rush, seldom take time for the inner life,
Make this stroll here with our souls, a sacred place--a place of peace and joy, a place of love and healing, a place of understanding and knowing.

Sue Sibilski:

May the outward beauty of this place summon each of us to the inward beauty of each heart.

Kathy Schweigert (Saturday) and Bev Atkinson (Sunday):

When we stand at the center of our lives, we realize that we are a gift to the universe, each a unique flower full of fragrance and fertility.

Amanda Grimm:

May all who walk this labyrinth be balanced, centered and grounded; have peace and happiness; be healed according to their needs; have their hearts filled with unconditional love.

SONG: LOVINGKINDNESS BLESSING

Movement/dance by Pat Schuckert during the singing.

Paste in music in worship aid.

CLOSING WORDS: Lisa Gidlow Moriarty (*either in person, or read from prepared text*)

All move back out to the entrance of the Labyrinth.

SONG: WALKING THE LABYRINTH, verses 4 and 5

**Back we go, the way we came,
Weaving, winding in and out.
Moving t'ward the world beyond,
Op'ning hearts to needs perceived.
Pathway, you hold life indeed,
With thanksgiving we proceed.**

**Once outside we gaze within,
wond'ring at the peace we know.
Spending moments filled with awe,
taking leave with strength renewed.
Circle, you hold life indeed.
With thanksgiving we proceed.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WALK THE LABYRINTH AS DESIRED!

The back page of the worship aid will have this info --

As we celebrate this dedication and blessing of the Labyrinth, a gift to all who will come and walk it, enjoy its beauty, and care for it, we remember 2 people in particular:

Sally Jernberg, 1932-2004

After Sally's death, an endowment was created in her memory, specifically for "liturgical environments," to continue the generous artistry she had given to Cabrini for 37 years. This endowment has provided the funds for the Labyrinth.

Marcus Anthony Alfini, 1996-2016

The bench, birdbath, and landscaping around it have been provided and installed by Sue Sibilski, in loving memory of her son Marcus.