

James Chapel Labyrinth Service
Union Theological Seminary
September 14, 2011

Call to Worship

Creator of the world, Eternal God,

We come from many places, and are here for only a little while.

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

We come with all our differences, seeking common ground.

Spirit of unity, God-within-us

We come on journeys of our own, to this place where our paths have met.

Here in this shelter, let us take time together. For when paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate. Let us pray:

Friends, let us walk a holy path together, as God's beloved community. Let us walk gently and faithfully in the stillness, breathing peace and serenity with every step. Let our open hearts be our altar, where we know the Spirit of God has been inscribed. Let us seek God's Light in one another. For we are all on this path of life together—alone and yet companioned—journeying toward the depth of God's love within our hearts and within our human community. As we worship God by way of this labyrinth walk, may we listen deeply—to our heart beating and to our spirit breathing—that we may experience God's holy stillness within us, always remembering those pilgrims who have journeyed before us. Amen.

Taizé Chant: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: Kristen Leigh Southworth

Labyrinth Walk

Benediction

Loving God, we give thanks for this time of walking together. Grant us the faith to walk this journey with courage, not knowing where we go, but trusting that your hand is leading us, and your love supports us always and forever. Amen.

Postlude