

## Reflections on St Matthew's Labyrinth Peace Walk September 11, 2011

As we came upon the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we wanted to offer the community a place to come and worship, walk and meditate on Peace...this day of remembrance.



The day was hot, but the Praise Eucharist held in the labyrinth was beautiful, with an inspirational message given by Rev. Patti. Parasols were used for shade, along with a canopy or two, the music was lovely and Rev. Patti Hale shared a dream she had involving the 9/11 tragedy and her first experience with a labyrinth. (You may want to ask her about it sometime?)

After the praise service, when the walking of the labyrinth began we had a meditation with rocks and blessed water for those interested. Our St. Matt's kids joined in the celebration with painting a sign for Peace and putting their creative touches on each letter with its special message to the world.



The crowd was not huge, but we did draw in some of the neighborhood as well as quite a few of St. Matthew's congregation and a few others from the community. A wonderful

breeze came up in the afternoon, which along with the sprinkler we had set up to keep walkers and musicians from getting too heated, was a wonderful gift.



The music was supplied by talented musicians playing the didgeridoo and crystal bowls, and St. Matthew's choir, accompanied with violin & organ, finished the day. It was truly a peaceful day with a wonderful sense of lifting these thoughts and prayers into the universe to help heal & reconcile the hurts & misunderstandings from the past. Thanks be to God, to all who participated and those that brought food to help our pantry out through the winter months ahead.





All are asked to continue these thoughts, prayers and practice on our outdoor Labyrinth anytime.

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