

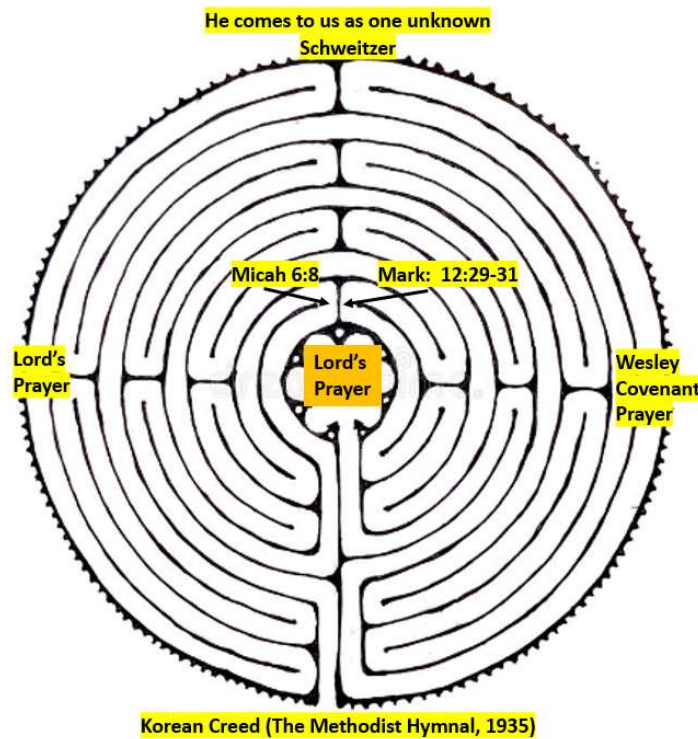
WALK THE LABYRINTH AT DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE DUMC LABYRINTH

THE DUMC Labyrinth was built in May 2011. It is an archetypal image found throughout history from ancient Egypt to Crete and in Celtic, Scandinavian, and Native American cultures. The Christian roots of the DUMC Labyrinth date back to the Chartres Labyrinth, laid in the floor of northern France's Chartres Cathedral in 1220.

The DUMC Labyrinth is available from dawn to dusk
for all who wish to walk the sacred path.

The Damascus United Methodist Reflective Labyrinth Walk



The Sacred Path Labyrinth Committee has developed a structured design for walking the courtyard labyrinth with a focus on deep reflection of our Christian tradition, our Methodist heritage and current focus. To that end, we have identified seven stopping points to recite or read short pieces on which reflect as one moves through the labyrinth. We begin with one of the Christian creeds and then invite walkers to stop and say or read specific pieces. Once in the center of the labyrinth, recitation of the Lord's Prayer is repeated. Note that the stopping points form a cross! Then proceed to exit, repeating the reflections as one chooses.

1. **Creed:** Korean Creed -

We believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, *Creator* of all *people*, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. **We believe** in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united to the living Lord.

We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, and in the *fellowship of persons* under the *parenthood* of God.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. (*italics indicate change to gender neutral language*)

Amen.

2. **Micah 6:8** - What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
3. **Mark 12: 29** - Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
4. **Lord's Prayer**: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive them that sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.
5. **Albert Schweitzer**: He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.
6. **Wesley Covenant Prayer**: "I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."



If you would like to share the story of your labyrinth experience with us, please contact:

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