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***COLUMBINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH HOSTS A FAREWELL AND
CLOSING CEREMONY FOR LABYRINTH IN PREPARATION FOR PROPERTY
SALE***

Littleton, Colorado. Columbine Unitarian Universalist Church will carry the message of peace, meditation, and healing one last time as it hosts a closing ceremony for the Columbine Peace Labyrinth on October 31, 2010, 1:30 p.m. The labyrinth is located near the corner of West Bowles and South Wright streets, just east of C-470. The closing of the labyrinth will take place in preparation for the sale of the property. The community is encouraged to participate in this farewell event – bring a flower to leave as a tribute and remove a stone from the labyrinth to take home as a memento.

In the aftermath of April 20, 1999, when two armed students turned Columbine High School into a bloody battleground, the Columbine Peace Labyrinth was envisioned as an interfaith memorial to honor the students of Columbine and a place to reflect on the community's strength and unity during a horrific time. As the final plans were being put in place, yet another unbelievable tragedy shook the community on September 11, 2001 when the New York City twin towers collapsed. The need to build the labyrinth felt even more urgent. The building of the Columbine Peace Labyrinth commenced just four days later, on September 15, 2001.

A labyrinth is an intricate pattern used by many religious and community traditions as a place of walking meditation and spiritual reflection. During planning, the church studied interdenominational labyrinths in collaboration with Pamela Ramadei, of the Labyrinth Society, and decided to pattern Columbine's labyrinth after the one in Chartres Cathedral near Paris, France.

The ceremony will be a good-bye to the Columbine Peace Labyrinth as it exists today, but church members are in the process of trying to relocate the labyrinth at another site. As plans for a new location for the labyrinth become available, they will be posted on www.columbineuuchurch.org/labyrinth/.

Columbine Unitarian Universalist Church, established in 1992, provides a religious home where members can follow their own spiritual paths together. We seek to transform ourselves and the larger community by living lives of integrity, service and love.

