

# Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday—April 6, 2023

7:00pm

Theme: Living the ‘Good Enough’ Life

Prelude

Calling on God—*Based on Psalm 116*

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Holy One, You who lay a table of blessing before us, you have heard us and have come to us. We lift up the cup of salvation in praise, we break open and share our love. Open us this night to your presence in our gardens of delight and sorrow – in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

Opening Hymn                      “The Night of His Betrayal”                      Words on Screen  
(*Sing to the tune of “Lead On, O King Eternal” Hymnal #580*)

Prayer of Confession and Reflection

Leader: The mid-20th century brought a particular shift as televangelists began to speak of blessing as a “pact” with God in which our good works (mostly our good wallets) would multiply the prosperity in our lives. But for Jesus, this moment in the Upper Room was full of trouble, danger, deception, and uncertainty. Surely Jesus, Son of God, had enough blessing capital to out-manuever this set of circumstances! In the midst of the pain of his moment, Jesus defines the real blessing pact—washing feet, breaking the bread, lifting the cup, sharing even with those who are about to betray him. In this moment of silence, take in this graceful invitation of Jesus to the table, no matter what.

## ***Silent Reflection***

Leader: Hear this compassionate word: Love that cannot be quantified reminds us that each and every person is blessed, always, regardless of who we are, how we’ve failed, or what we’ve accomplished. Know that already, God is offering us freedom from never feeling good enough for all the blessings of life and faith, inviting us to love and to bless in the same way – indiscriminately, extravagantly. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

*Continued above...*

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**ALL: GLORY TO GOD! AMEN!**

Invitation to the Upper Room

Scripture                      John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Hymn                      “Jesu, Jesu” (Refrain/verse 1/Refrain)                      Hymnal #432

A Good Enough Step

**Response: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”** (Numbers 6:24–26)

Hymn                      “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (vs 1,2,4)                      Hymnal #614

Holy Communion—The Great Thanksgiving                      Words on Screen

Receive the Bread and Cup

The Garden Vigil

Hymn                      “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (verse 1)                      Hymnal #290

Scripture                      Luke 22: 39-53

The Stripping of the Altar

Hymn                      “Were You There”                      Hymnal #288

*Following the Hymn, you may remain seated in silence as long as you wish. When you are ready, please exit the sanctuary in silence.*

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## This Week:

Monday, Apr. 3	9:30am 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Apr. 4	1:00pm 7:00pm	Lakefront Bible Study Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Apr. 5	8:30am 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Apr. 6	6:00pm 7:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage) Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, Apr. 7	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship/Chancel Choir Cantata
Sunday, Apr. 9	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream (Easter Sunday)