

# WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.

### GREETING

Leader: Tonight, we journey with Jesus. We begin with the disciples in the Upper Room and Holy Communion. We move to the Garden of Gesthamene in prayer. We end tonight with the trials that led Jesus to the foot of the cross. Jesus journeys with us. Let us journey with him.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: On this night, we break bread with Jesus in the upper room. **People: Let us share in the meal that God has prepared for us!** Leader: On this night, we pray with Jesus to a dark, quiet garden. **People: Let us lift up all of our prayers to seek God's will!** Leader: On this night, we stand with disciples at the foot of Jesus' cross. **People: Let us praise God for this wondrous act of love!** 

#### IN THE UPPER ROOM...

*HYMN	"As We Gather At Your Table"	TFWS, No. 2268
GOSPEL READING	Mark 14: 12-25	

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION "Jesus, Messiah" PraiseWorks

#### CONFESSION:

Most Merciful God, we confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us we pray. By your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial.

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (Unison)

Holy God, we have feasted in memory of the night Jesus was betrayed and in confidence that we will feast again with him in glory. We give you thanks for the gift of this meal, shared among friends. We give you thanks for the gift of Jesus' life, his body broken for us. Give us grace to feed the hungry in the name of the One who lived in love, died for love, and is resurrected with love for the whole world, Amen.

## IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE...

GOSPEL READING	John 13: 31-35	
CHORAL ANTHEM	"King of Tears"	Chancel Choir
GOSPEL READING	Mark 14:26-42	
SERMON	"NO! When You Don't Want To Pray"	Pastor Monica
OFFERING	"The Way of the Cross"	Praise Works

## AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS...

*CLOSING HYMN	"What Wondrous Love Is This"	UMH, No. 292

**\*GOSPEL READINGS** Mark 15:16-39 As we hear the words of the final scripture passage, we recall Jesus' death.

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As the altar is stripped, we recall the starkness of a life without Christ. As the service comes to an end, there is no benediction, no resolution, no sense of closure.

**DEPARTURE** People Depart in Silence from Sanctuary