#### **MEDITATION** Rev. Collin Adams **Reading** Mark 14:10-13, 16-21 "Live in Charity" Hymn 205 (repeat several times) Reading Luke 22:39-54 "Stay with Me" *(repeat several times)* Hymn 204 Reading Luke 22:54-62 "This Is the Night" Hymn 206 (verses 1 & 2) Reading Mark 15:1-15 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Hymn 221 (verses 1 & 3) Reading Matthew 27:27-31 Hymn 219 "They Crucified My Lord (He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word)" (verses 1 & 3) Reading Mark 15:16-32 Moment of Silence Reading Mark 15:33-47 Moment of Silence

# **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

May Jesus Christ, who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you. *AMEN* 

Please leave the Sanctuary in silence.

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church Love God Love Others Make Disciples

# Service of Worship Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024, 7:00pm

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a night to remember.

*We remember the Passover Jesus shared with His disciples.* We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup.

*We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer.* We remember His arrest and trial.

*We remember His suffering and the denial of His friend.* We remember His sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing and then nailed high on a cross to cancel our sins.

We remember this time in Jesus' life, all the humility he taught us, and all the love he poured out for us.

\*HYMN 202 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

# CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship is weak. We fail to serve as Jesus served, giving you our all. Forgive us. (pause)

We seek our own way and do not pray the prayer that Jesus prayed: "Thy will be done." Forgive us. (pause)

We promise to stay steadfast by your side, but, like Peter, when challenged, too often our actions shout, "I do not know him!" (pause)

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." Then "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

#### ANTHEM

### "O Come and Mourn" Hal Hopson

Eileen Butler, flute, Addison Myers, soprano

- O come and mourn with me a while; All ye now come to the Saviour's side; Come see the One who frees us all; The Lord of Life is crucified.
  - Have we no tears to shed for Him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride? Upon the cross He bears the pain, the Lord of Life is crucified.
- Seven times He speaks, seven words of love; His silence too, cries out to all. His words of love our hearts receive. The Lord of Life is crucified.
- O love of God, O sin of man, in his dread hour true strength is found. It is with love we triumph still. The Lord of Life is crucified.
- O come and mourn with me a while; The Lord of Life is crucified.

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Prayer

Dearest Christ, you have broken yourself for us and poured out your own blood as the cup of salvation for us all. Thank you, dear Jesus. May our love for you increase on this night and each time we remember you. AMEN



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

# Maundy Thursday Communion Vessels and Pottery Pieces

During our Maundy Thursday service this evening, we will be using some very special clay vessels and pottery for the bread and wine served during Communion. Mike Bus's brother, Zoltan made these for us to use here at WRPC. Notice the steeple motif he used.

One of our Sanctuary Guild members found these pieces stuffed away in a cabinet. She had never seen them before. What a special surprise! You can read all about the history of these pieces on the back of this page.





#### COMMUNION SET FOR WAVERLY ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CREATED BY ZOLTAN G. BUSH, Panama City, Florida, Offered by "Mike" Bus, Zoltan's brother. August 1, 2007.



For the history: Zoltan has been a potter for more than 20 years, but in preparing the communion set has encountered several problems that he hasn't seen in recent years. (Was it the devil's work...?) When one of the plates cracked during the firing, ruining one complete set, in his frustration, he decided to make sure that he will finally have a complete set. So he made two "pink" plates, both of which came out intact during the firing with the cup and carafe.

The "green plate" came from an unsuccessful set, but he sent it for some purpose, rather than crush it.