LA JOLLA UNITED METHODIST

The Last Week A Mear, A Prayer, A Trial

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Peaceful Piano #4

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Call to Worship

	Jesus calls us to the feast. We come, ready to join his disciples at the table of grace.
One:	Jesus calls us to join him in love and service.
All:	We come, ready to those we know and love and those who are strangers.
One:	Jesus shows us the way of love.
All:	We come, ready to worship the God who calls us.

Introit

As We Gather at Your Table

Christ, We Are Blest

TFWS 2268, v1-2

W&S 3174

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

- Christ, we are blest as we gather to dine, strengthened for love by the bread and the wine. This is your body, now entering ours, strong with your loving miraculous powers.
- You laid your life down like sowing a seed; once dead and buried, from death you are freed, rising like wheat in the warmth of the sun! Christ, you are risen! New life has begun!
- 3. Christ, you are risen, but not far above: you live among us in each act of love, in every deed of compassion you rise, living in flesh we can see with our eyes.
- 4. Jesus, you feed us, then bid us to leave, sharing with others the love we receive.We are your body, sent by your command, making love real as the bread in our hands.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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 tresspasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Prayer Response

Gracious Spirit, Help Us Summon

TFWS 2268, v3

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Mark 14:12-26

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks, "Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished. Prepare for us there." The disciples left, came into the city, found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

That evening, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. During the meal, Jesus said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me."

Deeply saddened, they asked him, one by one, "It's not me, is it?"

Jesus answered, "It's one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into this bowl. The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One! It would have been better for him if he had never been born."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. I assure you that I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God's kingdom." After singing songs of praise, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem

Communion Hymn

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Message

A Meal, a Prayer, a Trial

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	O Sacred Head Now Wounded	Mark Hayes ©2018 Lorenz Publishing
† Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

- All: We love you, Lord. Yet even in our love, we cry out in need. We cry out for strength in times of trial. We long for hope in times of despair. We yearn for mercy in the midst of our sin. Strengthen us, O God, and renew our hope. Grant your mercy. Feed us with the bread of forgiveness and the water of life, that we may courageously face our lives and gladly accept your grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.
- One: Christ hears our cries with compassion, wipes away our tears with grace, and forgives our sins with mercy. We rest in hope-filled assurance that all is well. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
- All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

UMH 614

- For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, 1. for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

- 4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.
- **†** Benediction

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