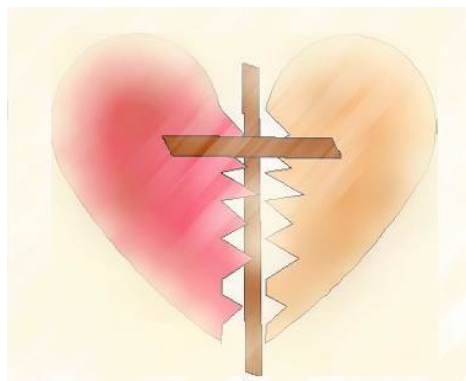


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“Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”
(Matthew 26:21)



On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. He took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with them, telling them that whenever they gathered, whenever they broke bread and shared the cup, he would be present.

On the very night he was betrayed, when he needed them most, when they would deny even knowing him—he called them to discipleship. He trusted them to carry forward his message of love without exception.

Jesus saw beyond the betrayal. He saw people whose worth was not defined by what they said or did, not by where they came from, but by the truth that all are created with dignity, in the image of God.

We read in scripture that the followers of Jesus did not come from the sanctuary of the temple, but from the margins of society. Who better to understand the need for healing and reconciliation than those who seek it themselves?

Reconciliation is not something we learn only from scholars. It comes from lived experience.

So we go to the margins, to the fringes, to those excluded, not because we are good ministers, but because we have something to learn. We learn from those who continue to love, even when they have been betrayed.

In these next days and weeks many of us will spend a good amount of time in church. Let us allow what we celebrate to become who we are – *one people of God* - without exception.

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