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This artwork reflects that deference—the humility in the face of the power of the waters—through an adaptation of the Okinawa wave pattern that is found on pottery throughout the island. Here, each wave represents a disciple around a circular table. Judas's wave flows the opposite direction from all of the others, creating discord in the pattern and in the narrative. He seeks a worldly type of power.

Within the table, four rivers flow out from Jesus, who is represented as a 13th wave flowing in the midst. These rivers represent the four rivers of Eden, the four spirits in Revelation, and the multitude of followers across time and place. Patterns tell the story of this last table: money seeding discord, wine and bread becoming symbols of the faith, bread breaking, hands reaching toward one another in right relationship. The Jesus symbol of water in the midst flows through each of these sections and breaks the borders of the artwork.

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