

# Valley Christian Church

## Wednesday Lenten Worship Sounds of the Passion

March 1, 2023

### PRELUDE

“Holy Ground”

### THE PURPOSE OF OUR GATHERING

The season of Lent gives us an excellent opportunity to listen to the “Sounds of the Passion”. A moment to listen to the sounds Jesus heard in the last week of His life. So for the next several Wednesdays in Lent we will hear the “Sounds of the Passion” of Jesus. Today we hear the sounds of the clanking coins from the money changers and Judas. May we hear them and discover what they say to us.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

For our weak attempts to follow Jesus - **Lord have mercy**  
For our failures to live as the people you created us to be - **Lord have mercy**  
For our sins and trespasses - **Lord have mercy**  
For our selfishness - **Lord have mercy**  
For our neglect of the poor and oppressed - **Lord have mercy**  
For our lack of regard for our neighbors and co-workers - **Lord have mercy**  
For our neglect of the sick - **Lord have mercy**  
**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy on us. O Lord, we are sinners in need of your grace. Amen.**

### HYMN OF CONFESSION

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

*Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### MEDITATION

“The Sounds of Coins”

### JESUS TURNING OVER TABLES IN THE TEMPLE

Mark 11:15-17

15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, 16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. 17 And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. But you have made it a den of robbers.’”

### JUDAS THROWING DOWN THE COINS

Matthew 27:1-5

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. 2 So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 4 “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

5 So Judas threw the money into the temple and left.

### THROWING OUR STONES ON THE TABLE

## HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*“Take My Life”*

*Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.*

**BENEDICTION** As we leave this service we are aware that we participate in sins like the money changers in the temple and the betrayal of Judas. This season may we change our ways as we walk the path of repentance. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

We welcome all our guests who are worshipping with us today.  
We hope that you find it a meaningful experience and that you will come our way again soon

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## *Jesus Cleansing the Temple*