

Valley Christian Church

Wednesday Lenten Worship Sounds of the Passion

March 15, 2023

PRELUDE

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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. Today we hear the sounds of the rooster crowing as Peter denies Jesus.

CALL TO WORSHIP

For people like Peter in darkness, Christ is the light.

For people like Peter in denial, Christ is the hope.

For people like Peter grieving, Christ is comfort.

For people like Peter burdened, Christ is a friend to share the load.

For people like Peter anxious, Christ is calm assurance.

For all people gathered in this sanctuary, Christ is for us.

For everyone gathered here, hear the call to follow Christ and be Christ to others.

LENTEN HYMN

“Were You There”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:54-62

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said.

A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

MEDITATION

“The Crowing of the Rooster”

HYMN OF DENIAL

“Kum Ba Yah”

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone’s hurting, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone’s hurting, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone’s hurting, Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

*Someone's weeping, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's weeping, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's weeping, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

*Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

PLACING OUR DENIALS IN THE FIRE

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart*

*Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

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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