

Valley Christian Church

Wednesday Lenten Worship Sounds of the Passion

March 8, 2023

PRELUDE

“Give Me Jesus”

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 Wednesdays in Lent we will hear the “Sounds of the Passion” of Jesus. Today we hear the sounds of dripping water as Jesus washes the Disciples feet. May we hear them and discover what they say to us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The season of Lent is upon us. It is time to be washed in the spirit of the Lord. It is time to turn our hearts toward God.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

The season of Lent is upon us. It is time to examine our ways.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

The season of Lent is upon us. It is time to repent of our sins.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

The season of Lent is upon us. It is time to be more disciplined.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

The season of Lent is upon us. It is time to pray, time to listen, time to serve, time to share, time to become more like Christ. A time to be touched by Christ.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

LENTEN HYMN

“He Touched Me”

Shackled by a heavy burden 'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me And now I am no longer the same

Refrain

He touched me, O, He touched me And O, the joy that floods my soul

Something happened, and now I know He touched me, and made me whole

Since I've met this blessed Savior Since He's cleansed and made me whole
I will never cease to praise Him I'll shout it while eternity rolls [Refrain]

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION

“The Sounds of Dripping Water”

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-5

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13:12-17

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

HYMN OF CLEANSING

“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 kneeling, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's kneeling, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's kneeling, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's washing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's washing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's washing, 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!

THE WASHING OF HANDS

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Nothing But the Blood (What can wash away my sin?)"*

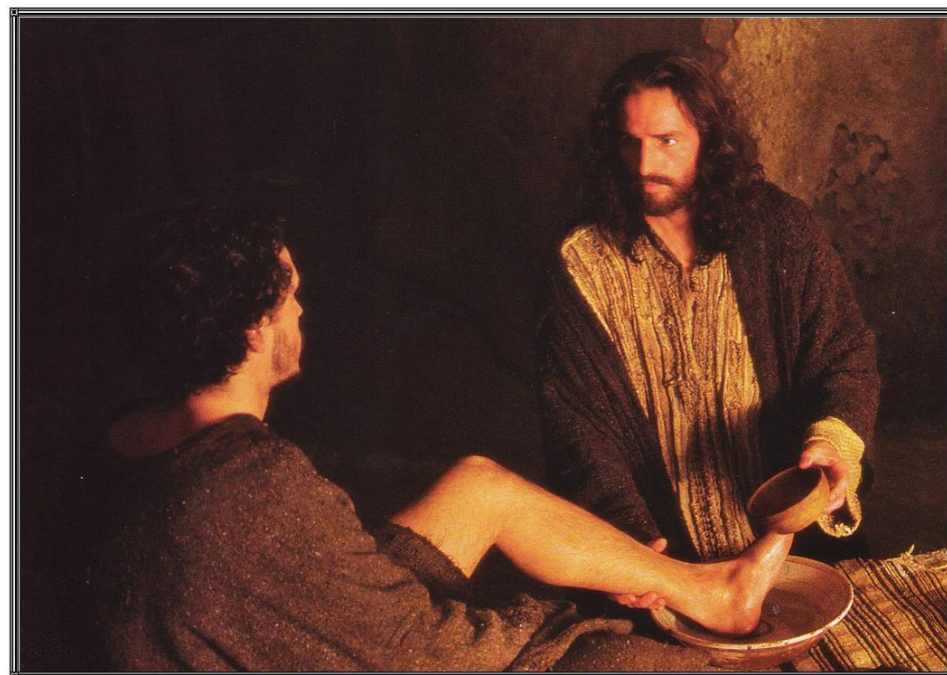
We welcome all our guests who are worshipping with us today.
We hope that you find it a meaningful experience and that you will come our
way again soon

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