



Valley United Methodist Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Thursday, April 1, 2021—7:00 p.m.
 HOLY THURSDAY

Gathering Music

The Final Hours
Gethsemane
O Darkest Night

Mansfield
 Binckes
 J.S. Bach

Threshold

Holy Vessels

Vessels, holy and whole
 Broken, needing the One
 Open, body and soul
 Healer, come.

First Reading

Matthew 10.1-8

Commission

Reflection

Second Reading

Matthew 22.34

The first commandment

Hymn

The Servant Song, FWS 2222, stanzas 1-3

1-Brother, sister, let me serve you,
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace
 to let you be my servant, too.

2-We are pilgrims on a journey;
 we're together on this road.
 We are here to help each other
 walk the mile and bear the load.

3-I will hold the Christ-light for you,
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Third Reading Matthew 26.1-5 The plot to kill Jesus

Prayer of Confession

...God of Suffering,
You take no delight in the destruction of your creation, your people.
Our own broken edges, sharp and raw, contribute to our pain.
Especially during prolonged difficulty, we find ourselves struggling.
We forget to turn to you, forget to turn to each other,
forget the power you offer, to turn our tears to balm.
Help us, Healer.
Show us our connection to your healing power.
Forgive our disbelief.
Move us to move
one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

after a silence, we'll repeat our refrain: "Holy Vessels"

Assurance

Fourth Reading Matthew 26.6-13 Jesus is anointed
Lenten Ritual The First Anointing: Extravagant Love

Fifth Reading Matthew 26.14-19 Preparation for the feast
Lenten Ritual The Second Anointing: Called to Serve

Sixth Reading Matthew 26.20-29 The supper

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*, UMH 618, stanzas 1-3

1-Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2-Let us drink wine together, on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3-Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Lenten Ritual
The Lord's Prayer

The Communion of Empty Hands

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Seventh Reading
Reflection

Matthew 26.30-35

Predictions

after a silence, we'll repeat our refrain: "Holy Vessels"

Eighth Reading
Prayers in the Night

Matthew 26.36-41

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

The Stripping of the Church

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar: April 1 – April 4

Thursday, April 1	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday
Sunday, April 4	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise (Praise Garden Fire Pit)
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship

Easter will include an in-person (NOT livestreamed) sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., near the fire pit in the praise garden just west of the church building, followed by an Easter celebration during our regular 9:00 a.m. service, in person and on livestream. Please plan to join in as we move toward and beyond the cross as healed and still healing followers of this Savior Jesus.

2021 Lenten Missions:

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