

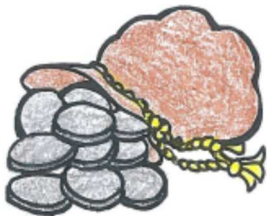
Medina United Church of Christ, Congregational

HOLY WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT!

Start at the parking lot doors and walk clockwise around the church looking for the Holy Week Symbols. Read the story aloud when you find the right symbol!



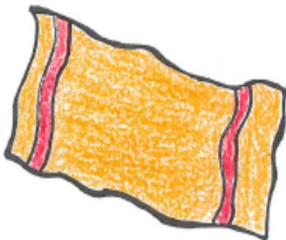
Palm Branches (Mark 11: 1-10): Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, and the crowds cheered, waved palm branches, and shouted Hosanna!



30 Pieces of Silver (Matthew 26: 14-16) Judas, who was one of Jesus' disciples, agreed to betray Jesus to the authorities so they could arrest him. Judas told them, "The one I will kiss is the man: arrest him". (Matthew 26: 48b)



Cup and Bread (Luke 22: 14-23) Jesus ate the Passover meal with his best friends, his disciples. When dinner was over, he broke bread and gave it to the disciples and told them to eat the bread in remembrance of him. Jesus took the cup and gave it to them to drink to remember the promise of God's love and forgiveness.



Towel (John 13: 13b-5) Jesus washed the disciples' feet. It was a common custom for the host of a dinner to have his servants wash the feet of his guests. People either wore sandals or were barefoot, and they ate reclining at the table. It was a good idea to wash the feet of those gathered before they reclined side by side to eat.



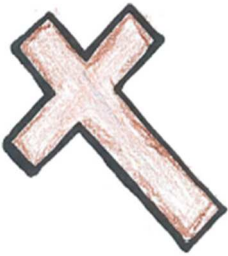
Heart (John 13: 34-35) Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment that they should love one another as Jesus loved them.



Praying Hands (Matthew 26: 39) Jesus led his disciples to a garden called Gethsemane. He went ahead into the garden in order to pray alone. When he prayed, he asked God to let God's will be done.



Purple Robe & Crown of Thorns (Mark 15: 17-18) The Roman soldiers made fun of Jesus. They dressed him in a purple robe and wove a crown of thorns for his head. They mocked him by calling him "King of the Jews".



Cross (John 19: 16-17) The method of crucifixion in those days was to nail someone to a cross until he died. Crucifixion was extremely painful, and the Romans reserved crucifixion for rebels and criminals. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to be crucified as punishment for his teaching and for claiming he was God's son.



Nails (John 20: 24-25) They used nails to hang Jesus on the cross, which was the method of crucifying someone in those times. They would have nailed Jesus' hands and his feet to the cross.



Stone (Matthew 27: 59-61) After Jesus had died, Joseph of Arimathea placed Jesus' body in his own tomb. He then rolled a huge stone across the entrance of the tomb that was carved out of solid rock.

Empty Tomb (Luke 24: 1-3) There is more to the story after the Crucifixion. After Holy Week comes Easter when we remember the Resurrection. When Jesus' friend Mary came to visit the tomb 3 days later, the stone had been rolled away, and Jesus was there, alive, and well!