

## *A Service of Serving*

*Footwashing is an intimate act of love and kindness. It is humbling to kneel and wash someone else's feet. But in doing so we re-enter the events of Holy Week, being reminded of Christ's sacrifice.*

- **Read John 13:1-17**

*When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he set an example for us to follow. In those days, only servants stooped before their masters to wash their feet. Jesus, Lord and Teacher, humbled himself, taking the form of a servant. In kneeling before one another, we show our readiness to serve sister and brother, neighbor and enemy. As we return to the tasks of daily life, may we remember the posture we have taken here. Footwashing is also a sign of our need for cleansing of all that keeps us from a servant's stance. In his humble act, Jesus purified the disciples of pride and concern of status. As we allow one another to wash our feet, we open ourselves to that cleansing. Lord, help us to come and renew our covenant of servanthood to you.*

- **Take a moment of silence and then pray this prayer together:**

*Lord, as you have loved us, let us love one another.*

*As you have washed us with grace, let us show grace to one another.*

*With our hands we offer God's tenderness, with our feet we receive Christ's care...Amen.*

- **At this time, you are invited to wash each other's feet. If this is too uncomfortable, feel free to wash each other's hands. End the act of washing with an embrace.**

*Let us pray...Jesus, our Savior, you did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant. Humbling yourself before your disciples, you washed their feet and named them as your friends. With water and a towel, you befriended us. May we pledge ourselves to your love, in the power of your servanthood. Amen.*

- **End by singing the Doxology:**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
A-men!*



**Please join us for our Easter Services.**

- **Sunrise Service @ 7:30am.**  
~Light snacks to follow.
- **Easter Morning Service**  
**Sunday School @9:00am.**  
**Worship Service @10:15am.**  
(in person or live streaming)