

GOSPEL^{OF} JOHN

John 13

We live in a clean world. Even people's feet are pretty clean. You might not like your feet, but very few of us would be ashamed if we met a friend barefoot. Not so in Jesus' day. Feet were dirty. They were not the stuff of proper conversation or something you would acknowledge in public. This mind set is clear throughout scripture where the greatest insult is 'to lift the heel against your enemy.' In contrast, 'even the feet of those who bring good news are beautiful.'

In Genesis three mysterious visitors appear at Abraham's tent. He offers them water for their feet. He doesn't offer to wash their feet. That would be going too far. In fact, it was going too far to ask a Jewish slave to wash other people's feet; only Gentile slaves could be asked to wash the feet of guests.

In our passage today Jesus goes too far. He washes the feet of his disciples. And then he calls his disciples to follow his example. What could set us free for that kind of obedience? That kind of service? That kind of humility?

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March 11, 2018

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today for worship and would love to keep in touch.

We have a nursery for infants and toddlers. After the Passing of the Peace, Pre-K through 2nd Grade continue to worship upstairs.

After the service, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Kindness Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday:
Goodness Group. Contact Karen Rominger 828-963-7732.

Cranberry Middle School Field Trip
to Washington, DC, is April 22 to May 1. The cost per student is \$500. This is great opportunity for the kids, and they need your help! Please watch for fundraisers or make a donation through the church. Thank you!

FAF schedule for March:

Manna Truck - Thurs. March 22 at 10 a.m.

Packing - Fri. March 23 at 8:30 a.m.

Distribution - Fri. March 30 at 8:15 a.m.

Prayer of preparation

Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* Congregation Stands

Service for the Lord's Day — March 11, 2018

Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship

~Psalm 92:1-2, NIV

Leader: It is good to praise the lord.

All: It is good make music to your name, O Most High,

Leader: It is good to proclaim your love in the morning

All: it is good to proclaim your faithfulness at night.

* Opening Hymn

#677 *Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy*

* Opening Prayer

* Hymn of Praise

#415 *We Are Called to Be God's People*

* Call to Confession

Christ shows his self-giving love by washing his disciples' feet. Surely we do not live up to Christ's example. Recognizing that let us now confess our sin and our need of a Savior.

* Confession

Lord Jesus, you taught us compassion. You took a servant's role and knelt at the feet of your friends. You gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love. You called us to love one another too.

Forgive us, Lord, for not practicing the compassion you modeled.

Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve.

Forgive us, Lord, for not loving as you called us to love. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

* The Gloria Patri and Passing the Peace

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People

Scripture and Sermon

*John 13:1-17
Belonging and Blessing*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offering and Offertory

* Affirmation of Faith

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

* Hymn of Dedication

#589 *Here I Am, Lord*

* Benediction