

Order of Worship

Prelude	Sheila Kilgore/Linda Shoemaker	
Words of Welcome, Prayer Announcements	JJ Keehn	
Hymn 373	<i>Rise Up, O Men of God</i>	
Hymn 382	<i>Serve the Lord with Gladness</i>	
Scripture Reading	John 13:1-5, John 13:21-27 Luke 22:31-34; Mark 14:50	JJ Keehn
Message in Music	<i>By Faith</i>	Adult Choir
Hymn 563	<i>I Love Thee</i>	
Hymn 64	<i>What a Mighty God We Serve</i>	Time of Greeting
Offertory Prayer	Cheerful Giver	
Offertory	Sheila Kilgore	
Message	<i>Love That Washes Dirty Feet</i>	JJ Keehn
Invitation Hymn 412	<i>The Savior Is Waiting</i>	
Benediction Hymn 571	<i>This is the Day</i>	
Postlude	Sheila Kilgore/Linda Shoemaker	

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Love That Washes Dirty Feet

John 13:1-5, John 13:21-27 (Judas' betrayal foretold)
Luke 22:31-34 (Peter's denial foretold); Mark 14:50 (All forsook)

Most people are willing to serve when appreciation is guaranteed. We wash feet when we expect thanks. We show kindness when we expect loyalty. But Jesus washed the feet of men who would soon run from Him. This is not polite service. This is cruciform love.

1. **The Depth of Christ's Love (vs 1)**
Jesus did not love the disciples because they were loyal. He loved them knowing they would be weak.
2. **The Humility of Christ's Service (vs 3-4)**
Insecure people grasp for position. Secure people stoop to serve.
3. **The Cost of Christ's Love (vs 5)**
Love without conditions gets its hands dirty. If love never costs you, it is likely not Christlike love.
4. **The Betrayal Christ Already Knew**
Love without conditions serves even when betrayal is coming.
5. **The Pattern Christ Calls Us to Follow (vs 15)**
The church will be wounded not by stranger, but by brothers. Yet Christ commands us to keep loving.

Conclusion: The Towel and the Cross
Jesus laid aside His garment and took up a towel.
Soon, He would lay down His life and take up a cross.
The basin points to Calvary. The water points to the blood.
This is love that kneels before it reigns.

Closing: (For Wounded or Weary Hearts)
Some are tired of loving people who keep disappointing them.
Some have been hurt while trying to serve faithfully.
Christ does not minimize your pain-but He invites you to love from a deeper well than human approval.

Come to the Savior who served you when you were at your worst.

Come to the Christ who washed your feet before you ever learned to walk straight.

Let His love wash the bitterness from your heart and restore the joy of serving again.