

SERVICE OF SERVANTHOOD
"FOOTWASHINGS"

Gathering Songs.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for in your wisdom you have formed us.

PASTOR: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked

PEOPLE: We bless and praise your name forever

PASTOR: You set free those who are bound

PEOPLE: We bless and praise your name forever

PASTOR: You raise up those whose courage falters

PEOPLE: We bless and praise your name forever

PASTOR: You provide for our every need

PEOPLE: Accept our grateful praises

PASTOR: You have called us from all peoples

PEOPLE: We rejoice and bless your name forever

PASTOR: You bless your people with peace

PEOPLE: We bless and praise your loving grace

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for you have given us everlasting life.

Song

Responsive Reading

PSALM 8

Right: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy Name in all the earth:

Left: who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Right: Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies:

Left: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Right: When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers:

Left: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

Right: What is man, that thou art mindful of him:

Left: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Right: For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels:

Left: and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Right: Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands:

Left: thou hast put all things under his feet;

Right: All sheep and oxen:

Left: yea, and the beasts of the field;

Right: The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea:

Left: and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

Right: O Lord our Lord:

Left: how excellent is thy Name in all the earth!

What is man made for--(time for group input to total community)-What does dominion have to do with freedom?

Song: "Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee".

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

A CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us briefly examine ourselves in light of God's suffering, endurance, character, and hope.

GROUP LEADER 1: We recall God's willingness to give his only Son, watching him being despised and rejected, suffering humiliation and death. Knowing that he did this for us, yet the freedom we seek is comfortableness.

(Take time to reflect upon how our seeking comfort denies freedom for ourselves and others).

GROUP LEADER 2: Jesus endured the pains of rejection, nails and the cross so that we might be free from sin and death. How little though are we willing to endure so that others might live in freedom.

(Take time to think and share our thoughts about what we are really willing to endure).

GROUP LEADER 3: Jesus Christ was love. He was a loving servant, a forgiving Lord, an obedient Son. He has loved us first and yet we act as though our love is first.

(Take time to reflect and share how our love limits ourselves and others).

GROUP LEADER 4: Christ has given us hope by setting us free. He has given us freedom with a purpose to serve him and others. Yet it is easy to serve ourselves first.

(Take time to reflect and share how and whom we actually serve).

ALL: This we confess to the Lord. Forgive us, Good Lord.

PASTOR: Indeed, in Christ we have freedom to suffer, endure and have hope. In his sufferings and death, and his glorious resurrection we are forgiven. We are "freed up" to be his children and servants. Live and serve him and others as you are called now and forever, sharing the peace of the Lord.

(Share the peace).

Song.

Scripture John 13:1-17.
Meditation.

-Foot Washing-

-Time of Reflection-

Prayer-- have participants use reflections as prayer.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

Departing Song/s.