

Under the Pastor's Desk

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Lent has arrived and before we know it, Easter will be upon us. As we journey forward, it seems we highlight days like Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter, but Maundy Thursday has a tendency to be the forgotten sibling. The reason—no one likes to think about washing the feet of the people around us. Unfortunately, we allow our uncomfortableness to take over and we leave this night behind.

The uncomfortableness though, is the point. We act just like Simon Peter who says to Jesus, “You will never wash my feet.” But even worse, we often take that one step further and say “I will not wash the feet of those around me.” The act in and of itself is a symbol for us today, a symbol of sacrifice, a symbol of becoming the least and serving the greatest. The thought of Jesus washing our feet as a symbolic gesture is easy to understand because of what he does for us in and on the cross—not only does he wash our feet, but our souls as well. How often do we see the chances around us to “wash” the feet of our friends and neighbors but turn away out of fear or uncomfortableness?

This Easter season we have a chance again to renew this symbol in all facets of our lives. Chances to see and serve, to love and forgive, to comfort and lift up. Maundy Thursday is a night that reminds us again and again what the true meaning of serving Christ is—not to be the greatest, but to serve the least of these—for what we do to the least of these, we do to our Savior and Lord. Let us bring service and witness back into the fold of our lives to serve the God who served us first.

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Don't forget, Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 a.m. set your clocks ahead one hour!