

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



The Lord Almighty called the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you”

We thank you, God, for the lives of these students, each known and loved even before they were born. We praise you that they were consecrated by you to purposes we could not imagine only a few years ago.

God created all people in the image of the Divine, women and men were made by God's own hand to reflect the image of God in the world. We recognize these students as your children, bearing your image. Their compassion and their creativity mark them as men and women of God, sharing their Creator's likeness, passion and love.

The prophet reminds us that for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. We thank you that you have brought us to this day of rejoicing: a day to remember their journey, a day to pause and look both to the past and to the future.

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Growing in Faith

Nothing is more important than relationships

➤ **Relationships make us vulnerable**

[Simon Peter] said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” v6

We all have smelly feet!

➤ **Relationships are messy because of assumptions**

“You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” v7

“Assumptions allow the best in life to pass you by” – J Sales

➤ **Never sacrifice a relationship on the altar of
“I’m Right”**

“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” v8

Healthy Relationships

Honesty – What assumptions am I believing?

Hopeful – “find someone who believes in you for no reason, and to shower them with reasons, that is the ultimate happiness.”

Humility – Who among us would not choose to be a little less right to be a little less lonely?

NEW BEGINNINGS

John 13:1-17

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,

you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.