

## **National Youth Conference 2022 Worship Resources**

### **Foundational (Colossians 2: 5-7)**

Monday Evening (July 25) Opening Responsive Prayer

By Bekah Houff, Worship Coordinator

One: Loving God, we have come to the table,  
You have opened the door for us, and we walked in.  
(*pause*)

Even though life sometimes gives us more than we can handle.

ALL: We choose you and we choose love

One: When we don't know where to turn or what is coming up ahead

ALL: We choose you and we choose love

One: God, your love calls us to do incredible, transforming things.  
Like Jesus, who knelt to wash the disciples' feet, may we also experience your  
love by doing -

Through acts of service, kindness, discipleship, and love.

AMEN

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Monday Evening (July 25) Theo-poet Moment and Foot Washing Introduction

By Bekah Houff, Worship Coordinator and Audri Svay, Theo-poet in Residence

Ushers are handing you pieces of cloth with lavender on them.

I invite you to take the cloth and breathe in the scent, feel the texture against your skin, see the color, maybe it has a pattern.

The cloth in your hand symbolizes the towel Jesus used to wash the disciples' feet.

What was on that towel after he was finished?

Water, of course;

some dirt, certainly!

Dirt from everywhere, dirt that tells the story of where we've been and the paths that brought us here.

Paths of joy and sorrow,

beauty and pain.

Breathe in the lavender.

Breathe in the blessing of Christ.

Breathe in the significance of Jesus' act of service to you and your neighbor.

Of all the things that Jesus could have been doing on the night before his crucifixion he chose to wash feet.

This act of love, servanthood, and compassion teaches us how to engage with our neighbor

– to choose love over all else

to remember our foundation in God, even in the toughest of times.