

WELCOME TO SALT HOUSE

LEADING TODAY

October 5, 2025



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Communion
(she/her)



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

♪ This is My Maker's World

Welcome

♪ All Creatures of our God and King
+ *Creation Liturgy*

Sermon

Sara Wolbrecht
Mark 7:1-23

♪ Form Us

Prayers of the People

Communion*

**We are using allergen-free bread*

♪ House of God Forever
+ *Blessing of the Animals*

This is Good!

Ways We Respond

Blessing / Sending

GET TEXTS FROM US

We've set up a system for communicating important information through text message! But for this to work, **we need to get your consent to send you texts.** Scan the QR code above.



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MARK 7:1-23 (NIV)

The Pharisees and some of the religious scholars who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They had noticed that some of the disciples were eating with unclean hands – that is, without ritually washing them. For the Pharisees, and Jewish people in general, follow the tradition of their ancestors and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow. Moreover, they never eat anything from the market without first sprinkling it. There are many other traditions which have been handed down to them, such as the washing of cups and pots and dishes.

So these Pharisees and religious scholars asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of our ancestors, but eat their food with unclean hands?"

Jesus answered, "How accurately Isaiah prophesied about you hypocrites when he wrote,

'These people honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless;

the doctrines they teach are only human precepts.'

You disregard God's commandments and cling to human traditions."

Jesus went on to say, "How ingeniously you evade the commandment of God in order to preserve your own tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your mother and your father' and, 'Anyone who curses mother or father must be put to death.' " But you say that if someone says to their mother or father, 'Any support you might have had from me is *korban*' —that is, dedicated to God— "then they're allowed to do nothing more for their parents. " In this way you nullify God's word in favor of the traditions you have handed down. And you do many other things like this."

Jesus summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and try to understand. Nothing that enters us from the outside makes us impure; it is what comes out of us that makes us impure. If you have ears to hear, then listen."

When Jesus got home, away from the crowd, the disciples questioned him about the parable. He said to them, "Are you also incapable of understanding? Don't you see that whatever enters us from outside cannot make us impure? It doesn't enter our heart, just our stomach – then passes out into the sewer." In this way, Jesus pronounced all food clean.

He went on, "It is what comes out of us that makes us unclean. For it is from within – from our hearts – that evil intentions emerge: promiscuity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, obscenity, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evils come from within and make us impure."

UPCOMING

Today After Worship

Women's Group
Queer Brunch & Bible Study

Next Sunday

Second Sunday Brunch!
Bring something to share

Sunday, Oct. 19

Pumpkin Patch for SPARK + Y@SH

Sunday, Oct. 26

Community Pumpkin
Party - Wear your
costume to church!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED! —>**



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