

the open door ~ praise & worship service ...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying

08.23.17 • 7:00 pm

welcome & announcements

song Come, Now is the Time to Worship

song Jesus, Lover of My Soul

prayers of the people

gospel reading Matthew 15:10-11, 15-18 [Voice]

¹⁰(to the multitude) Hear and understand this: ¹¹What you put into your mouth cannot make you *clean or* unclean; it is what comes out of your mouth that can make you unclean.

¹² Later the disciples came to Him.

Disciples: Do You realize the Pharisees were shocked by what You said?

Jesus: ¹³ Every plant planted by someone other than My heavenly Father will be plucked up by the roots. ¹⁴ So let them be. They are blind guides. What happens when one blind person leads another? Both of them fall into a ditch.

Peter: ¹⁵ Explain that riddle to us.

Jesus: ¹⁶ Do you still not see? ¹⁷ Don't you understand that whatever you take in through your mouth makes its way to your stomach and eventually out of the bowels of your body? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of your mouth—your curses, your fears, your denunciations—these come from your heart, and it is the stirrings of your heart that can make you unclean.

message on the steps

gospel reading Matthew 15:21-28 [MSG]

21-22 From there Jesus took a trip to Tyre and Sidon. They had hardly arrived when a Canaanite woman came down from the hills and pleaded, "Mercy, Master, Son of David! My daughter is cruelly afflicted by an evil spirit."

- 23 Jesus ignored her. The disciples came and complained, "Now she's bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She's driving us crazy."
- **24** Jesus refused, telling them, "I've got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel."
- **25** Then the woman came back to Jesus, went to her knees, and begged. "Master, help me."
- **26** He said, "It's not right to take bread out of children's mouths and throw it to dogs."
- **27** She was quick: "You're right, Master, but beggar dogs do get scraps from the master's table."
- **28** Jesus gave in. "Oh, woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!" Right then her daughter became well.

The Word of God to the People of God! Thanks be to God!

listening for God's message

song Breathe

presentation of the offerings

song Hallelujah

song My Reedemer Lives

benediction & passing the peace

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