

# WELCOME TO SALT HOUSE

## LEADING TODAY

March 15, 2026



**Rev. Priscilla Austin-Paris**  
Speaking Today  
(she/her)



**Rev. Sara Wolbrecht**  
Welcome  
+ Communion  
(she/her)



**Jason Bendickson**  
Music Leader  
(he/him)

## SALT HOUSE SURVEY

**How is God calling Salt House to follow Jesus, love each other, and love & serve our communities in the next five years?** The Wisdom Council discerned 9 areas of focus! Help us focus on how God is calling Salt House to follow Jesus, love one another, and serve our communities over the next five years by sharing your top five priorities that resonate with you.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

♪ Full Attention

♪ A Thousand Tongues

**Welcome & Confession**

♪ Amazing Grace

**The Man Born Blind**

Rev. Priscilla Austin-Paris  
*John 9:1-41*

♪ Holy Spirit Come

Prayers

**Communion\***

\*We are using allergen-free bread

♪ House of God Forever

**This is Good!**

**Ways We Respond**

Blessing / Sending

## UPCOMING

**TODAY!**

Women's Group, Queer Group  
SPARK at 11:30am, Y@SH 6:30pm

**A WORD FROM HOLDEN**

with Nathan McClure

**Singing Resistance Training**

Sunday, Mar. 22 at 1:00pm  
Lake Washington United Methodist  
Instagram - [@singingresistanceeastside](https://www.instagram.com/singingresistanceeastside)

**Book Study: Separation of Church and Hate** starts March 17 for 6 weeks

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## JOHN 9:1-41 (NRSVUE) - CONDENSED

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### THE MAN AT THE POOL

The story begins with a question of guilt. Seeing a man blind from birth, the disciples ask whose sin caused the condition—the man's or his parents'. Jesus shifts the perspective entirely: the blindness exists so that **God's works** might be displayed. He creates a paste of mud and saliva, applies it to the man's eyes, and sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man obeys and, for the first time in his life, returns seeing.

### THE INVESTIGATION

The miracle immediately sparks a crisis of identity and law. Neighbors are skeptical, and the religious leaders are incensed because the healing took place on the **Sabbath**. The Pharisees cross-examine the man, then his parents, who—fearing excommunication—deflect the questions back to their son.

The leaders bring the man back a second time, demanding he denounce Jesus as a sinner. The man, unmoved by their theological traps, offers a simple, grounded testimony: "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

### THE GREAT REVERSAL

As the interrogation continues, the roles reverse. The formerly blind man begins to lecture the scholars, pointing out the irony that they—the religious experts—cannot tell where Jesus is from, yet Jesus has done the impossible. Insulted by his boldness, the Pharisees cast him out of the synagogue. Hearing of his expulsion, Jesus finds the man and reveals His identity as the **Son of Man**. The man responds with immediate faith and worship. The narrative concludes with a sharp irony: the man born blind now sees both physically and spiritually, while the Pharisees, who claim to possess the "sight" of the law, are revealed to be trapped in spiritual darkness.