

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come into this sacred space to worship God

whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

Come into this holy place to worship God

whose standards are right; whose judgments are true.

Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise,

to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God.

**Let the words of our mouths and the whispering
of our hearts be according to your will, O God.**

HYMN: **186** Stars and planets vs. 1,3,4,6

WELCOME

PRAYER

PSALM 19 responsive reading:

The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.**

They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,

**Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world.**

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a
champion to run his course.

**It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end
again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine

gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them
there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend?

O cleanse me from my secret faults!

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion
over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

REFLECTION ON THE PSALM IN IMAGES AND MUSIC

PRAYERS

HYMN Come and Seek the Way of Wisdom [tune: **580**]

1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced, when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the market-place.
Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.

3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.

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Readings: **Mark 8: 27 - 38**

James 3: 1 – 12

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

REFLECTION: “Directed by words”

HYMN: Be Doers of the Word of God [tune: **453**]

- 1.** Be doers of the word of God, not simply those who hear.
Be ones who look into God's word, obey, and persevere.
Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, too.
Put wrath aside; instead, be meek and let God work in you.

WARRAGUL UNITING CHURCH

2. Religion that is undefiled, religion that is pure
Will reach to help the orphaned child and welcome all the poor.
If people come here poorly dressed, to judge them is a sin.
The rich aren't better than the rest; God welcomes poor ones in

3. O Christ, you save us by God's grace, from having to obey.
Then freed to love, we can embrace, a life that seeks your way.
May we be doers of the word; may faith shine through our deeds;
And as we seek to trust in God, may ethics follow creeds.

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SHARING & NOTICES

OFFERING - *as the offering is brought forward we sing: [tune: 284]*

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread
May we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe,
Unite us in your service, may seeds of justice grow.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN **626** Lord of creation to you be all praise

BLESSINGGo in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen

SUNG BLESSING **779** May the feet of God walk with you



'Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi'



10 am Worship

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