

CALL TO WORSHIP: - *Elder*:

On this first Sunday of Lent we get serious together about our human predicament.

**We face up to the fact that humanity is a sorely tempted and gravely flawed species,**

that evil which is not honestly confronted, will exclude God from its sphere of influence.

**We acknowledge a young man from Nazareth,** who fought temptation and evil without compromise, **and by his efforts opened a way of freedom for all.**

HYMN            **139** O love of God vs. 1,2,3,5

WELCOME

PRAYER

Psalm 32 HYMN: **20** How blest are vs. 1 - 4            [tune: **15**]

Psalm Reflection

PRAYERS:

Responses: Lord of life, have mercy:

**Lord have mercy**

... Hear the Good News of grace: In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, set free.

**Amen. Thanks be to God**

HYMN:            **587** Fold to your heart

**Readings**        **Matthew 4: 1 – 11**  
                      **Romans 5: 12 – 19**

In this is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

CHOIR            No, I've Never Seen an Angel

REFLECTION: 'through one man: wilderness directions'

HYMN:            **567** God of all power vs. 1 - 4

SHARING & NOTICES:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

OFFERING:

DEDICATION:

**God of grace and truth, we give thanks for Jesus' witness to the power of your Spirit, strengthening him in times of testing. Bless our giving and the service of our lives. On our Lenten journey, guide and strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, to follow Jesus wherever he leads. Amen**

HYMN:            Our Lord, you were sent [tune: **143**]

Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast  
To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast;  
Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day  
The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.

How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf?  
To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self?  
But by God's own word you remained ever sure:  
It's only in God that our lives are secure.

How could it be wrong to step out and to dare,  
To prove with great drama the depths of God's care?  
But you knew God's word, true since all time began:  
It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.

How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee,  
To shake hands with sin to achieve victory?  
Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost:

Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.

Our Lord, in your struggle you chose to obey;  
God's word filled your heart and you trusted God's way.  
Now risen, you save us from sins that destroy;  
You give us your Spirit, your peace and your joy.

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WORDS OF MISSION:

Where Christ walks,  
**we will follow.**  
Where Christ stumbles,  
**we will stop.**  
Where Christ cries,  
**we will listen.**  
Where Christ suffers,  
**we will hurt.**  
When Christ dies,  
**we will bow our heads in sorrow.**  
When Christ rises again in glory,  
**we will share in endless joy.**  
To abundant life, to wholeness and healing:  
**Christ is the Way.**  
Take heart, take up your cross,  
go in peace. **Amen.**

SUNG BLESSING: For you, deep stillness

# WARRAGUL UNITING CHURCH



*Jesus said, "you shall not live by bread alone"*

***Lent 1***

I'VE ALWAYS  
**LOVED**  
HOW JESUS  
FACES DOWN  
TEMPTATION.  
**YEAH-**



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HIS POWER  
IS IN THE  
WORD OF GOD.



I WISH I KNEW  
WHICH VERSE TO USE  
AGAINST ANOTHER  
PIECE OF  
CHOCOLATE CAKE.



MATTHEW 4:1-11

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**10 am Worship**

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