

PROJECT RECONNECT

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Liturgical Date: Year C, Lent 1, 9th March 2025

Presenter: Rev Cherie Strudwick

Focus Reading: Luke 4: 1-13

Message 10 minutes 0 seconds

"The Transforming Power of the Wilderness"

Discussion Starters

- 1. What did you hear today that surprised you?
- 2. How does this help YOU in YOUR faith journey?
- 3. How might this influence your congregation?
- **4.** What could be the significance for you Community.

Readings for this day

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 The text gives instructions for the offering of the first fruits. It is a reminder at the outset of the abundance of God that engulfs us. Having been given a gift of land (salvation), we first offer back to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 The psalmist sings to God the protector. Dwelling in God's land means refuge from evil, and safety in the midst of danger.

Romans 10: 8b-13 Calling on the name of the Lord means salvation. There is power to confessing with our lips, to calling on God. Speaking this truth somehow manifests its reality.

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All Age Message: Carolyn Sharp "The Image of God"

Length 5 minutes 12 seconds

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Using the book written by Andrew Mc Donough from "Lost Sheep "Resources, we hear about being formed in the image of God. What does that look like for each of us and how do we express that in our everyday lives?

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 - pages 312-313.

Rev Cherie Strudwick

I am a minister of the word with the UCA. I serve as a Presbytery Minister, for the Mid North Coast in NSW. I love to paint. Mainly in acrylics and my style is abstract realism. I am fascinated with the emotion that can be seen on people's faces and in my art, I do my best to represent a variety of emotions that speak to the viewer. I am compiling a portfolio of prints and canvases which will be available for purchase, around May 2025.