

ISAIAH 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I

became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

MARK 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.



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Jesus cured many.

— Mark 1:34

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2021



Morning Worship: Roster

	7 th February 2021	14 th February 2021
Leader	Revs Bob Smith & Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Rosemary Akesson
Duty Elder	Ursula Dew	Corinne Nicolson
Stewards	Colin & Margaret Manley	Anna Topic & Anita Austen-Rau
Reader	Iris Ballard	Ailsa Liffman
Pastoral Prayer	Ursula Dew	Corinne Nicolson
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea
Projection	Jeff Haynes	Tony Olinsky
Lectionary	Isaiah 40: 21-31 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 Mark 1: 29-39	2 Kings 2: 1-12 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9

Regular Activities

Morning Worship - 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am

Holy Communion - 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and at Wyndham - 2:30pm & 3rd Wednesday/month - 2:00pm at Imlay House. (not at present)

Tura Beach Op Shop - Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00am to 4:00pm

Fellowship Group - 1st Monday/month at 1.30pm - contact Joan or Corinne

Uniting Church Tai Chi 108 Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley

Uniting Church Dance Group - Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and Friday mornings at 9 am Contact John Tanner: 0428 957 165 for details.

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - T.B.A.

Birthdays this week: John Blair - 12th



For those who would like to make their **Offering** via regular direct bank transfer, our banking details for **Giving Direct** are: Acc Name: *Sapphire Coast Uniting Church* BSB: 634-634 Acc: Number: 100037934



An induction loop is installed in the church. It connects automatically to newer hearing aids. For older aids you need to switch to "T" telecoil setting.

Duty Roster

The roster for **March, April & May** will soon be prepared. New volunteers are very welcome. Please note any planned absences you may have during this period on the sheets provided on the notice board, to avoid changes to the roster after publication.

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

An overwhelming number of people came to Jesus with significant needs. They gathered at the door of Simon and Andrew's home. In the morning, there were so many that Simon and his companions pursued him - in Greek *katadiōkō*. This may be translated as "hunted him down", as its meaning often includes hostile intent.

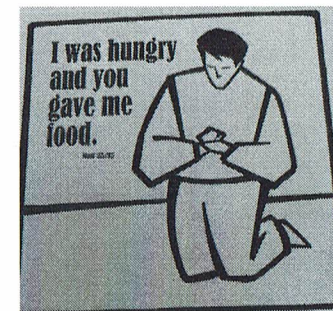
In a time when having needs may be viewed as a deficiency or weakness, we are invited to bring our needs before God. So often, it is our needs that reveal our powerlessness. We would prefer a sense of control over outcomes of life. The church is countercultural, inviting us to see our own frailties and dependence upon God; to hear and know the healing and life giving message of Jesus. It is a place of solidarity as we gather together as communities of hope and healing.

Table Grace

First the seed and then the grain:
thank you, God, for sun and rain.

First the flour and then the bread:
thank you, God, that we are fed.

Thank you, God, for all your care;
help us, God, to share and share. Amen.



Reconciliation begins not first with others but with ourselves; by allowing Jesus to clean us - to forgive us, to love us

Mother Teresa