Revelation 5: 11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the
voice of many angels surrounding
the throne and the living creatures
and the elders; they numbered
myriads of myriads and thousands
of thousands, 12 singing with full
voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was
slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and
wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 Then I heard every creature in
heaven and on earth and under the
earth and in the sea and all that is
in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne
and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory
and might
forever and ever!"

14 And the four living creatures said,
"Amen!" And the elders fell down
and worshiped.

Matthew 11: 25-30

Jesus Thanks His Father

25 At that time Jesus said, "I
thank[a] you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth, because you have hidden
these things from the wise and the
intelligent and have revealed them
to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such
was your gracious will.[b] 27 All
things have been handed over to
me by my Father, and no one
knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father
except the Son and anyone to
whom the Son chooses to reveal
him.

28 "Come to me, all you who are
weary and are carrying heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest. 29
Take my yoke upon you, and learn
from me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke
is easy, and my burden is light."

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'Creating a caring, nurturing community'

Morning Worship: Roster

	4th October 2026	11th October 2026
Leader	Rev Andrew Collis	Rev Andrew Collis
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Corinne Nicolson
Entry of Bible	Ailsa Liffman	Robyn Herdegen
Acknowledgement of Country	Rev Andrew Collis	Robyn Herdegen
Stewards	Jeff Haynes &	Anne Olinsky & Ana Topic
Reader	Beryl McGrath	Julie Russell
Pastoral Prayer	Ailsa Liffman	Robyn Herdegen
Morning Tea	Ailsa Liffman & Robin Unger	Meryll Davey & Iris Ballard
Projection	Tony Olinsky	Jeff Haynes
Flowers	Ailsa Liffman	Robin Unger
Lectionary	Revelation 5: 11-14 Matthew 11: 25-30	Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Regular Activities

Morning Worship: 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am
Holy Communion: 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and 2:30pm at Wyndham
Imlay House Service: 2:00pm, 4th Thursday of the month – helpers would be appreciated.
Tura Beach Op Shop: Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.
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 Jeff Haynes on 0402 384 535 for details.
'Blokes United' Coffee Morning - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at The Eddy
Ladies Friendship Coffee Afternoon – 2nd Wednesday of the month – 2pm at RSL
Church Bring-and-Share Brunch – 1st Sunday/month (Feb, May, Aug, Nov.)

Jean Shannon – 8th

For those who would like to make their offering anonymously via regular direct bank transfer, our banking details for Giving Direct are: **Acc Name** Sapphire Coast Uniting Church **BSB** 634-634 **Acc No** 100037934

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This Sunday (4 October) our worship service commemorates saints Francis and Clare of Assisi and will include a Blessing of the Animals. Dogs on leads welcome! You might like to bring symbols or photos of beloved pets or farm animals.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the McGammon family on the passing of **John McGammon** at the age of 100 years.

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

Psalm 19 and Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9 12-20 bring us towards the often quite uncomfortable reading of the uncompromising Hebrew Scripture laws and justification for them. In common parlance, we speak of 'Laying down the law' or of people 'Pushing the boundaries.' Here are boundaries written, literally in stone, from a time when people had been enslaved, lived tribally and wandered in a harsh environment. How does this speak in our contemporary multicultural context?

In a world of negotiated boundaries across community, homes and schools, of the trend of gentle parenting and the Sovereign Citizen movement which rejects the authority of the state, we can examine our own responses to authority. Policing of road rules, wisdom of community elders, advice of experts and of clergy; those to whom we grant authority are all worthy of consideration.

How we were parented is also a subtext to the scriptures. Words come to us loaded with the freight of our own experiences. God as partner, redeemer and life coach lives in tension with God as judge and punisher. Psalm 19 speaks of God's law as life-giving—clean, enduring, and trustworthy. How do we hold together freedom and boundary, grace and truth, in our understanding of God?

Hearing is one of the body's senses, but listening is an art.

Frank Tyger