



**Clearview**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29, 2026**  
**9:30 am • Sanctuary & Online**

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 pm  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## **WE GATHER**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship\*

Worship Music\* | *Hosanna Loud Hosanna* – UMH 278

## **WE PROCLAIM**

Affirmation of Faith\* | *The Apostle's Creed* – UMH 881

Gloria Patri\* | *Glory Be To The Father* – UMH 70

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace\*

Worship Music\* | *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* – UMH 280

Children's Moment

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *John 19: 16b-22* CEB

Message | *Expectations Untied* - Rev. Erick Ashley

## **WE RESPOND**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *O Worship The King* – UMH 73

Doxology\* | *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* | UMH 95

Offertory Prayer\*

## **WE GO OUT**

Worship Music\* | *The King Is In The Room*

Benediction\*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Holy Week Worship Opportunities** - Join us as we walk through the sacred story of Holy Week together across the South Pinellas Connection churches.

- **Maundy Thursday, Apr 2 at First UMC Gulfport, 12 pm and 7 pm.** Remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love and serve one another.
- **Good Friday, Apr 3 at Clearview UMC, 12 pm and 7 pm.** A solemn service reflecting on the cross and the depth of Christ's sacrifice.
- **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, from 9–10 am.** Kids will enjoy an exciting egg hunt, fun games, and a chance to hear the Easter story in a way they can understand and remember. It's a great morning for families to celebrate together!
- **Silent Saturday Experience, Apr 4 at St. Luke's UMC, 1 pm.** A quiet, reflective prayer experience as we wait in hope between the cross and the resurrection. All are welcome to join us for these meaningful moments of worship and reflection during Holy Week.

**Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday – TODAY** is the Last day to get your order in. Help us fill the sanctuary with the beauty of Easter lilies this Easter Sunday! You are invited to purchase a lily, **\$15 each**, in honor or in memory of a loved one as a meaningful way to celebrate the resurrection and remember those dear to your heart. Order forms are available in this Sunday's bulletin.

**Easter Egg Hunt Update** - Our Easter Egg Hunt is this coming **Sat., April 4, 9-10 am in the West field & pavilion.** Set up is at **7:45 am** in the field. There are several opportunities for you to participate in making our egg hunt a success. We're asking for your help with decorating the pavilion (bring your own hammer); setting up tables & chairs and wiping them all down; "hiding" the 2500 candy & scripture-filled eggs; assisting at a craft table (this is a sit-down job); handing out handouts; helping with easy children's games. This is one of our community outreach events and there will be lots and lots of kids and their families visiting our campus. We'd love to have all our Clearview folks helping out and sharing the love of Jesus with our friends in the community. Please see Judy Tenison or text 727-213-8400 to offer your gift of time to this fun-filled community event. Thank you in advance!

**Combined Worship - Holy Humor Sunday** - Holy Humor Sunday is a joyful and lighthearted celebration observed on the second Sunday of Easter,

rooted in the early church tradition of “Bright Sunday,” when believers continued to celebrate the resurrection with laughter and joy.

Inspired by Psalm 126:2–3, “Our mouths were filled with laughter... The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy,” this day reminds us that Easter is not only meaningful, but also full of delight. Churches today carry on this spirit with playful worship, upbeat music, and a sense of celebration that proclaims God’s victory over sin and death.

**All churches from the South Pinellas Connection will join us at First UMC Gulfport, at 10:15 am, on April 12th** for this joyful day filled with laughter, faith, and celebration... and that’s no joke!

**Comedy Night with Juanita Lolita - Friday, April 10 • 7 pm • FUMC Gulfport**  
Get ready to laugh for a great cause as we kick off a joyful Holy Humor weekend with the South Pinellas Connection!

Join us for an unforgettable night of clean, high-energy comedy with Juanita Lolita—one of Florida’s funniest talents, performing across the country and known for her relatable stories and quick wit. Recently recognized as “Best of the Bay” and a finalist in national comedy competitions, Juanita delivers big laughs without the cringe, making this a perfect night out for everyone.

- ✨ Clean, hilarious fun for all ages
- ✨ A nationally recognized comedian right in your backyard
- ✨ A night of laughter that supports a meaningful cause

Tickets are just \$5 and can be purchased online or through the Church Office.

Bring your friends, your family, and your sense of humor—because this isn’t just a comedy show... it’s a chance to laugh loud, feel good, and celebrate joy together.

**5th Sunday Offering** - Residing Hope, formerly Florida Children’s Home, has been serving families & children for 118 years! We will take a Special Offering for Residing Hope today, March 29. Envelopes are available in the Narthex or go to our website & go to "Give." Then click on “Residing Hope.” Thank you!

# CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, MAR 29 – Palm Sunday

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, 10 am – Room 11
- **Coffee & Convo with Pastor Erick**, 10:45ish – Care & Share Rm

## MONDAY, MAR 30

- **Monday “BS” Bible Study**, 6:45-8 pm – Care & Share Room
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, MAR 31

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Recovery Begins)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, APR 1

- *Nothing Scheduled*

## THURSDAY, APR 2

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Serenity, Back to the 40s)**, 11 am – Mod 31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (A Clear View to the Big Book)**, 7 pm – Mod 32

## FRIDAY, APR 3

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31

## SATURDAY, APR 4

- **Easter Egg Hunt**, 9 am -11 am – West field & Pavilion
- **Adopt-A-Block Food Distribution**, 9 am – Fellowship Hall

## SUNDAY, APR 5 – Easter Sunday

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 10:15 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, 10:45 am – Room 11
- **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45ish – Care & Share Rm

## SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

Mar 29	Palm Sunday	-	ALL
Apr 2	Maundy Thursday Worship	12 & 7 pm	GP

Apr 3	Good Friday Worship	12 & 7 pm	CV
Apr 4	United Methodist Men's Breakfast	8 am	SL
Apr 4	Easter Egg Hunt	9-10 am	CV
Apr 4	Silent Saturday Prayer Space	1 pm	SL
Apr 5	Easter Sunrise – Gulfport Beach	7 am	ALL
Apr 5	Easter	-	ALL
Apr 10	Comedy Night with Juanita Lolita	7 pm	ALL
Apr 12	SPC Combined Worship Service Holy Humor Sunday	10:15 am	FG

### KEY

Clearview (CV)	First Gulfport (FG)	Lakewood (LW)	St. Luke's (SL)
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## STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

### Week of Mar 8

Worship	58
Online Worship	24
Giving Received	\$2,022.00
Giving Needed	\$1,634.62
Surplus/Loss	<b>\$386.38</b>

### 2026 Year To Date

Worship (avg weekly)	60
Online (avg weekly)	19
Giving Received	\$16,248.45
Giving Needed	\$16,346.20
Surplus/Loss	<b>\$97.75</b>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Mar 22:** For our neighbor's children, as they need sober parents to guide them; To our niece, Neco and her 2 children-protect and guard them (Patti Meneely & Celeste Fernandez). My Tupperware sister Janie's granddaughter Christina is in the hospital with brain swelling (MaryJo Strid). For Amber Rodgers being tested for breast cancer (Linda Waite, niece). From Community Dinner: Miss Ellie passed away at 90; 9 month old boy- hole in heart sewed up; Mike – broken ribs & sternum

**Ongoing:** Kelly & Hilary, Kathy Davis, Pamela Arnold, Sabrina Mull, Logan Sullivan, Eileen Bennett, Chris Benware, Michael Benware, Carol Comerford, Crystal, Harry Davis, Stephen Davis, Tim Deacon, Genevieve DeHoog, Amy Gordon, Mary Grauv, Ruth Hockersmith, DeeDee Hornby, Ian Kolaczyk, Nelson Kimber, Carolyn McGovern, Tim Patterson, Tammi Radcliff, George Roth, Sr.

**Military:** Seth Crist & Family, Casey Linde-Powers

MARCH 22, 2026

John 19:1-16a



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"  
—John 19:5

## MEALTIME PRAYER

Spirit of God, fall fresh on us as we eat and drink with one another. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What do you understand? What questions do you have?***

Sunday	John 19:1-16a	Jesus Is Sentenced
Monday	John 16:8-12	The Spirit Will Teach
Tuesday	John 16:13-16	The Spirit Will Guide You to Truth
Wednesday	John 16:17-22	The Disciples Will See Jesus Again
Thursday	John 16:23-28	Ask and You Shall Receive
Friday	John 16:29-33	The Disciples Will Be Scattered
Saturday	John 17:6-9	Jesus Prays for His Disciples
Sunday	John 19:16b-22 [12:12-27]	A Different Kind of King

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!***

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Make a plan to do some outside spring cleaning in your neighborhood.

## **DEVOTIONS**

*Think about devotions as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!*

### **GATHERING**

✞ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

✞ **Prayer of the Week**

God of all, many things happen in our lives that we do not understand. In these times, may our faith rise up and remind us that you are God! Amen.

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

*Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.*

- ✞ **Highs & Lows:** What was one thing that happened today that made you angry or sad? What was one thing that made you happy?
- ✞ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** The religious leaders were angry at Jesus and wanted him killed. What happened today where someone acted out of anger?
- ✞ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Next week, we will hear about Jesus coming into Jerusalem with celebration, and also about Jesus being nailed onto the cross. What happened today that made you want to celebrate? What happened that made you sad?

### **DAILY BIBLE READING**

*Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?*

### **PRAY TOGETHER**

- ✞ Have each person give thanks to God for something that makes them happy. Pray for God's help with something that makes them sad.

### **CLOSING**

- ✞ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.
- ✞ **Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share**  
*Hold hands while someone recites 2 Corinthians 13:14: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."*

The "Four Key Faith Practices"—Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals & Traditions—are a framework developed by the Rev. Dr. David Anderson of Milestones Ministry and used by permission from Vibrant Faith Ministries, Bloomington, MN ([www.vibrantfaith.org](http://www.vibrantfaith.org)). For more information about the Four Keys, go to <http://milestonesministry.org/>.