



Clearview
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Alive in Christ

A people being transformed



6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

9:30 am • Sanctuary & Online

CHURCH OFFICE

4515 38th Ave N • St. Petersburg, FL 33713
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Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 pm

The pastors are available by appointment

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Bishop of the Florida Annual Conference – Rev. Tom Berlin

Gulf Central District Superintendent – Rev. Emily Hotho

WELCOME

Welcome to Clearview United Methodist Church. Each and every week we look forward to this time to gather as a community. We are glad YOU are here today with us!

You can use this worship guide to help lead through worship and throughout the week. We truly hope you enjoy your time here this morning and hope you return soon.

Some logistics you may find helpful:

- Worship runs about an hour and fifteen minutes, sometimes a bit shorter & sometimes a bit longer.
- Grab a nametag from the table in the East Wing. If you are a guest, our Hospitality Team will happily make one for you.
- Childcare is available for non-school-aged children (infants through 4 years) in Room #10. Children in Grades K through 5 are invited to worship until after the Children's Moment, then go to Sunday School in Room #11.
 - Help us create the best learning environment we can by leaving toys at home. Snacks for younger children are ok but should not be brought for elementary-aged children.
 - Please encourage your child(ren) to use the restroom before church starts.
- Busy bags are available for children (or adults) who would like to keep their hands busy during the worship service.
- A restroom is in the Care & Share Room to the right of the front of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are outside in the courtyard.
- Prayer Cards are available in the pew before you and at all entrances. Please place your prayer card in the offering plate or a prayer box. It is our joy and privilege to be praying with and for you.
- We have several ways you can give financially to support the mission of Clearview.
 1. Place cash/check in the offering plate/boxes or mail to the church.
 2. Text any amount to (727) 513-5557.
 3. Visit clearviewumc.org/give.
 4. Use your bank's bill payer system.

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* | *House of the Lord*

WE PROCLAIM

Affirmation of Faith* | *An Adaptation of The Apostles' Creed*

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

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace*

Worship Music* | *Wounded One*

Children's Moment – *Children are then dismissed to Sunday School*

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *Philippians 1: 1-18* CEB

Message | *Joy That Can't Be Chained* – Rev. Erick Ashley

WE RESPOND

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *I Love You Lord* – TFWS #2068

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

Offertory Prayer*

WE GO OUT

Worship Music* | *Rejoice the Lord is King* – UMH 715

Benediction*

Alive in Christ - Weekly Practice

Sunday, May 10 • Reframing Joy - GROW

- **At the end of each day, write:**
 - One hard moment
 - One place you saw God at work
- **Pray: “God, help me trust what you are doing beyond what I can see.”**
- **Why: Builds Wesleyan assurance and trust in grace**

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Staff Appreciation – Staff Appreciation donation envelopes will be distributed for the next few Sundays for presentation on **May 31st**. Our staff and pastors’ service support and encourage our congregation to live out His purpose and mission for God’s glory! Let us take this time to thank and appreciate those who faithfully serve in God’s vineyard and give their time and hearts for His Kingdom.

Pastor Ellie's Farewell Reception - Please join us in wishing Pastor Ellie a blessed future and heartfelt thanks for her time with the South Pinellas Connection at a Farewell Reception following worship on **May 31st** in the Care & Share Room and East Wing. In usual Methodist fashion, cake and punch will be served!

Welcome, Bill Givens – Several weeks ago, Steven Brinkley, our former custodian, relocated to the East Coast. After a survey of over 70 candidates and 6 interviews, we have hired Bill Givens as our next custodian. Please welcome him when you see him. His regular hours are Mon-Fri, 2-7 pm.

A surprise is coming soon to our Clearview Family - Our nursery superstar, Miss Sydney, is expecting a baby boy this summer, and we would love to gift her a little care package. If you are interested in contributing, please use a donation envelope with a note "baby gift." If you have questions or would like to help, contact Ericka Pierce (727) 248-5245.

FUMC Gulfport's Women's Spring Luncheon – SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 16 at 1:30 pm. Sign up at fumcgulfport.org.

CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 10 – 6th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, following Children's Moment – Room 11
- **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45 am – Care & Share Room

MONDAY, MAY 11

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- **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, MAY 15

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- **Adopt-A-Block Food Distribution**, 9 am – Pavilion

SUNDAY, MAY 17 – 7th Sunday of Easter

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, following Children's Moment – Room 11
- **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45 – Care & Share Room

SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

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| May 12 | UWIF Friendship Meeting | 10 am | SL |
| May 12 | Women's Bible Study | 11 am | SL |
| May 16 | Women's Spring Luncheon | 1:30 pm | GP |
| May 20 | UWIF Luncheon Meeting | 12 pm | GP |
| May 23 | Lay Servant Ministry – Basic Course Oakhurst UMC | 9am - 4 pm | CV |
| Jun 4-6 | Annual Conference Florida Southern College | - | - |
| Jun 29 | Pastor Sue arrives in St. Petersburg | - | - |

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

Week of May 3

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| Worship | 46 |
| Online Worship | 19 |
| Giving Received | \$2,415.13 |
| Giving Needed | \$1,634.62 |
| Surplus/Loss | \$780.51 |

2026 Year To Date

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| Worship (avg) | 56 |
| Online (avg) | 20 |
| Giving Received | \$28,255.98 |
| Giving Needed | \$29,423.16 |
| Surplus/Loss | -\$1,167.18 |

PRAYER REQUESTS

May 3: No Requests

Apr 26: Financial stability (The Hicks family), For our family's health, my sister-in-law is under hospice care for brain cancer (Crystal McCurdy), Debra Hall is fighting cancer (Bryan McCurdy)

Ongoing: Cassie Berg, Trevor Davis, Theresa Goude, John Goude, Kelly & Hilary, Kathy Davis, Pamela Arnold, Sabrina Mull, Logan Sullivan, Eileen Bennett, Carol Comerford, Crystal, 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



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

I thank my God every time I remember you.

—Philippians 1:3

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God, we praise you and thank you for bringing us around this table to break bread together. May we read, see, and hear new things as we break open your Word. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read this week, ask yourself: **What is Paul talking about in this letter? What connection can you make to your life?***

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| Sunday | Philippians 1:1-18a | The Church in Philippi |
| Monday | Philippians 1:18b-26 | Paul's Reason for Happiness |
| Tuesday | Philippians 1:27-30 | Fight for the Faith |
| Wednesday | Galatians 1:11-24 | Paul Explains the Gospel, Pt. 1 |
| Thursday | Galatians 2:1-10 | Paul at Jerusalem |
| Friday | Galatians 2:11-14 | Paul and Peter |
| Saturday | Galatians 2:15-21 | Paul Explains the Gospel, Pt. 2 |
| Sunday | Philippians 2:1-13 | Living Like Jesus |

*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.

Gather together and read stories out of the newspaper or from a news website, a different story for each reader. After each person reads an article, pray for those featured in that story.

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

Dear Jesus, help us be as steadfast in our convictions as Paul was. Let us be willing to live our lives according to your will and your way. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What brought you joy today? What made you mad or sad?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul is writing his letter from prison. But, even in these circumstances he is joyful. What is something difficult that happened today, and how can you see a little bit of hope in that situation?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's passage, Paul instructs his audience to be humble and serve others. Where did you see someone serving others today? What did you do to help someone?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Invite everyone to close their eyes, and pray the Lord's Prayer together out loud.

CLOSING

✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

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). For more information about the Four Keys, go to <http://milestonesministry.org/>.