



Clearview
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Alive in Christ

A people being transformed



7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

9:30 am • Sanctuary & Online

CHURCH OFFICE

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Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 pm

The pastors are available by appointment

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Custodian – Bill Givens | Lawn & Landscape – Tony Stowers

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* | *Thine Be The Glory* - UMH 308

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* | *Abide*

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

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *Philippians 2: 1-13* CEB

Message | *The Shape of a Transformed Life* – Rev. Ellie Fox

WE RESPOND

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *Humble King*

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

Offertory Prayer*

WE GO OUT

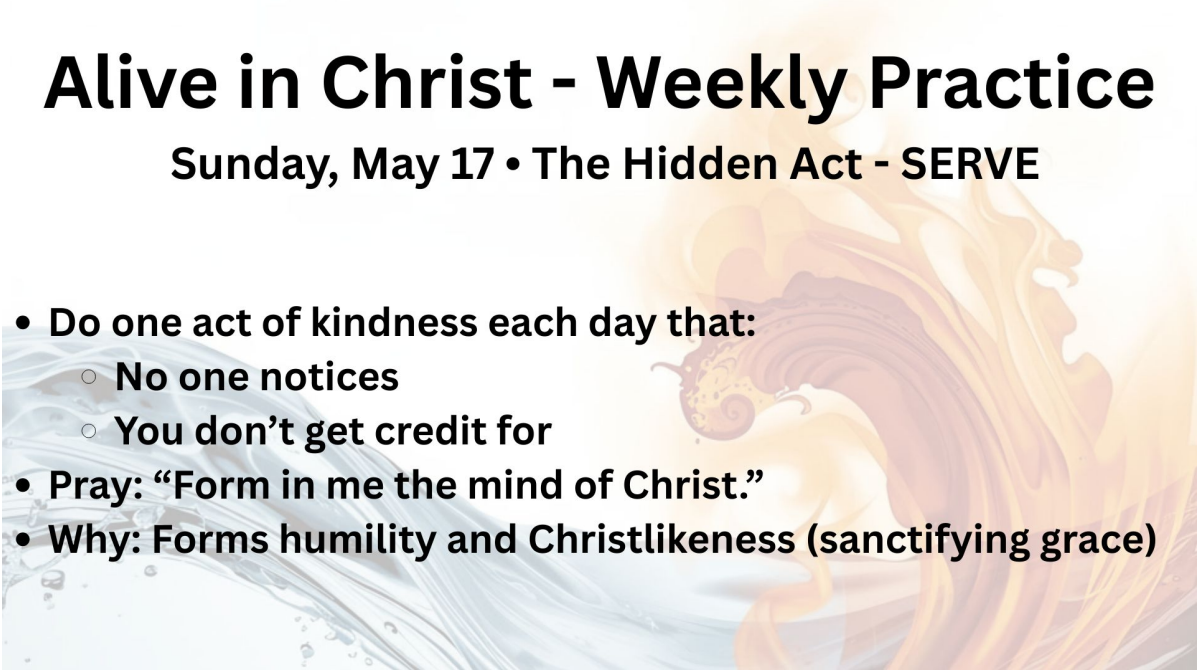
Worship Music* | *Graves Into Gardens*

Benediction*

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Alive in Christ - Weekly Practice

Sunday, May 17 • The Hidden Act - SERVE

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- Do one act of kindness each day that:
 - No one notices
 - You don't get credit for
 - Pray: "Form in me the mind of Christ."
 - Why: Forms humility and Christlikeness (sanctifying grace)

Staff Appreciation – Staff Appreciation donation envelopes have been distributed the last few Sundays and today is the last Sunday to donate, 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.

Thank You, Pastor Ellie - Pastor Ellie will be visiting each of our churches over the coming weeks to preach one final time and share in a time of goodbye and celebration. We invite you to join us in giving thanks for her faithful ministry, leadership, and love for the churches of the South Pinellas Connection. Let's come together to celebrate all God has done through her ministry among us.

- St. Luke's United Methodist Church – May 24
- Clearview United Methodist Church – May 31
- Lakewood United Methodist Church – June 7
- First United Methodist Church of Gulfport – June 14

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." Contact Ericka Pierce (727) 248-5245.

Join Us For Our Next Community Dinner - Join us at Clearview on **Sunday, May 24, at 5-6:30 pm!** Come gather around the table for good food, meaningful conversation, and a welcoming community atmosphere. Invite a friend or neighbor and enjoy an evening of fellowship, and connection. All are welcome!

Want to Help Give a Ride? Larry Kinney loves coming to worship and other events but needs a little help getting there. If you can offer a ride, occasionally

or regularly, please contact the church office. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!

Pentecost Sunday is next week! As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church, everyone is invited to wear red on Sunday, May 24, as a symbol of the Spirit's fire and presence. We look forward to celebrating together!

CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

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 with Pastor Ellie**, 10:45 am – Care & Share Rm

MONDAY, MAY 18

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

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

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- **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 22

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

SATURDAY, MAY 23

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

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- **Community Dinner**, 5-6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

May 20	UWIF Luncheon Meeting	12 pm	GP
May 23	Lay Servant Ministry – Basic Course Oakhurst UMC	9am - 4 pm	CV
May 24	Pentecost Sunday – wear red	-	ALL
May 24	FREE Community Dinner	5-6:30 pm	CV
Jun 4-6	Annual Conference Florida Southern College	-	-
Jun 14	Pastor Ellie's Last Day	-	ALL
Jun 10-17	The Ashleys on Vacation	-	ALL
Jun 21	New Summer Series: Bible Beach Reads	-	ALL
Jun 29	Pastor Sue arrives in St. Petersburg	-	ALL

KEY

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

Week of May 10

Worship	58
Online Worship	11
Giving Received	\$616.00
Giving Needed	\$1,634.62
Surplus/Loss	-\$1,018.62

2026 Year To Date

Worship (avg)	56
Online (avg)	20
Giving Received	\$28,871.98
Giving Needed	\$30,057.78
Surplus/Loss	-\$2,185.80

PRAYER REQUESTS

May 10: Ms. Carol, mother of a good friend, 88 years old and recovering from a surgery (Emily Newman); Amber Rodgers, breast cancer surgery (Lynda Waite); Marilyn Gould (Krista Kelleher's mother) fell and fractured her wrist and shoulder; Jeneen Hockersmith and family as they mourn the loss of her beloved husband, Bill Hockersmith (Ruthie Hockersmith).

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

MAY 17, 2026

Philippians 2:1-13



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:8

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord of All, thank you for the food before us, and thank you for all of the people who helped this food get from the field to our table. Strengthen us to humbly serve others. 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?***

Sunday	Philippians 2:1-13	Living Like Jesus
Monday	Philippians 2:14-18	Paul Rejoices in the Philippians
Tuesday	Philippians 2:19–3:1a	Paul Sends Timothy
Wednesday	Philippians 3:1b-6	Paul Tells His Story Again
Thursday	Philippians 3:7-16	Paul Counts Everything Else as Loss
Friday	Philippians 3:17–4:1	Paul Exhorts the Philippians
Saturday	Philippians 4:10-20	Paul's Farewell
Sunday	Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7	The Holy Spirit

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.

As you go through your week, find small ways to serve each other. If the one you are serving sees you, give a quick bow and say, "Your humble servant."

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**

Jesus, you are the king of all creation, but you humbled yourself to serve the world you love. Grant us humble hearts to serve those around us. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ✠ **Highs & Lows:** Where have you found joy today? What has brought you sadness?
- ✠ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** This week, Paul is writing about being humble and loving like Jesus. When did you see love in action today? When was love missing?
- ✠ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** When the Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost, everyone is amazed to hear the good news in their own language. What is something that you heard today that was amazing? What was something that you heard that was troubling?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- ✠ Pray for leaders today, including parents, teachers, supervisors, influential people, and government officials. Pray that they serve with humble hearts and are blessed.

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, "Love others as Jesus loves you. Amen."

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