



**Clearview**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Trinity Sunday**  
**May 31, 2026**  
**9:30 am • Sanctuary & Online**

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 pm  
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# 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](http://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\* | *Called Me Higher*

## **WE PROCLAIM**

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace\*

Worship Music\* | *Come Alive*

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

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *Jeremiah 29:11 and Deuteronomy 31:6*CEB

Message | *Trust Me* – Rev. Ellie Fox

## **WE RESPOND**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *Great Are You Lord*

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

Offertory Prayer\*

## **WE GO OUT**

Worship Music\* | *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Benediction\*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**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 as we give 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.

- Lakewood - June 7 and First Gulfport – June 14

**Summer Pastoral Internship** - The churches of the South Pinellas Connection are excited to welcome pastoral ministry intern, Izz Prange, this summer through the Florida Conference Summer Pastoral Ministry Internship Program. Izz serves at St. Luke's as Streaming Tech and as Lay Delegate for both St. Luke's and Lakewood. Be sure to welcome and encourage Izz as she learns, serves, and grows with us this summer!

**Annual Conference 2026 – “Faith Rising”** The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church will gather for Annual Conference June 2–6 at Florida Southern College. This year's theme is “Faith Rising” based on Romans 10:14–15. Clergy and laity from across Florida will gather for worship, learning, workshops, and prayerful discernment as we seek God's leading for the church. Throughout the week, leaders will be commissioned, important decisions made, and we will celebrate the work God is doing through new and emerging generations. Please keep us in prayer for this holy work together.

**Sophie's Attic Thrift Store • First Gulfport** - We are currently accepting donations! Items especially needed at this time include kitchen items, household goods, and home décor. Your donations help support this ministry and provide affordable items for our community. Thank you for your generosity.

**5th Sunday Offering - On Sunday, May 31**, all gifts given to the 5th Sunday Offering will support Clearview's community ministry partners: the Florida Dream Center, Residing Hope, Zoe Empowers, and our sister church in Cuba. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love both locally and around the world through these meaningful ministries.

**Bible Study (BS) Resumes June 1** – Our Bible Study gatherings will resume on **Monday, June 1**, at **6:45 pm**. All are welcome to join us as we grow together in faith and scripture. Childcare is available with advanced request. Come connect, learn, and be encouraged together!

**Want to Help Larry Get to Church?** Larry Kinney enjoys being part of worship and church activities and could use some help with transportation. If you're able to provide a ride once in a while or on a regular basis, please contact the church office. Your kindness is a wonderful way to share Christ's love.

# CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, MAY 31 – Trinity Sunday**

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

## **MONDAY, JUNE 1**

- **LANCF Summer Camp**, 7:30 am
- **Monday "BS" Bible Study**, 6:45 PM – Care & Share Rm
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

- **LANCF Summer Camp**, 7:30 am
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Recovery Begins)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

- **Pastors & Lay Delegates at Annual Conference**
- **LANCF Summer Camp**, 7:30 am
- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

- **Pastors & Lay Delegates at Annual Conference**
- **LANCF Summer Camp**, 7:30 am
- **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, JUNE 5**

- **Pastors & Lay Delegates at Annual Conference**
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

- **Pastors & Lay Delegates at Annual Conference**
- **Adopt-A-Block Food Distribution**, 9 am – Pavilion

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – Sacrament of Holy Communion**

- **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

Jun 4-6	Annual Conference - Florida Southern College	-	-
Jun 6	UMM Breakfast/Fellowship	8 am	SL
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 27	Pastor Sue arrives in St. Petersburg	-	ALL
Jun 29	FREE Community Dinner	5-6:30 pm	CV

## KEY

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

### Week of May 24

Worship	67
Online Worship	15
Giving Received	\$1,362.50
Giving Needed	\$1,634.62
Surplus/Loss	<b>-\$272.12</b>

### 2026 Year To Date

Worship (avg)	57
Online (avg)	19
Giving Received	\$32,468.68
Giving Needed	\$33,327.02
Surplus/Loss	<b>-\$858.34</b>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**May 24:** Sister-in-law, Debra, fighting brain cancer; Brother-in-law, Dennis, needs surgery for circulation in legs, my husband, Bryan, needs surgery for gastrointestinal reasons, for us all to have better health and be well (Crystal McCurdy); Jim Overton (brother in law) for treatment of prostate cancer and travel to Jacksonville FL for treatment at Moffitt Cancer Center (Vicki Quale)

**May 17:** Joe Pippitone, cancer has 1-2 weeks to live, prayers for him and his family (Lynda Waite); Kirsten Owens, life struggles (Cassie Berg)

**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

# THIS WEEK'S "AT HOME" DEVOTIONAL

Trust Me: Jeremiah 29:11 & Deuteronomy 31:6

## GATHERING

Light a candle to remind yourselves God is with us in every season.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Faithful God, when we feel uncertain, afraid, or weary, remind us that you are near. Help us trust your steadfast love, your enduring presence, and your hope-filled future. Strengthen us to walk forward in faith, knowing you will never leave us alone. Amen.

## CARING CONVERSATION

Take a few moments to check in with one another.

### *Highs & Lows*

- What is one thing that brought you joy this week?
- What is one thing that has been difficult or worrying?

## THINKING ABOUT THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope." - Jeremiah 29:11 (CEB)

"Be strong! Be fearless! Don't be afraid and don't be scared... because the Lord your God is the one who marches with you. He won't let you down, and he won't abandon you." - Deuteronomy 31:6 (CEB)

Jeremiah 29:11 and Deuteronomy 31:6 are often quoted for their comfort and hope. Yet both were spoken during difficult and uncertain times.

- When have you needed encouragement or hope?
- What helps you remember that God is with you?
- Who has shown you God's love and presence in your life?

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read this week, ask: *How is God present with people in uncertain times?*

Day	Reading	Theme
Sunday	Jeremiah 29:1-14	Hope in Exile
Monday	Deuteronomy 31:1-8	God Goes With You
Tuesday	Psalms 23	The Shepherd's Presence
Wednesday	Isaiah 43:1-7	Do Not Fear
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-34	Trust Instead of Worry
Friday	Romans 8:31-39	Nothing Can Separate Us
Saturday	Revelation 21:1-5	God Makes All Things New

If your household includes children, feel free to use a children's Bible or summarize the readings in simple language.

## **DEVOTIONAL**

Some Bible verses become so familiar that they can almost sound like slogans or bumper stickers. Jeremiah 29:11 is one of those verses. But these words were first spoken to people living in exile—people far from home, uncertain about the future, grieving what had been lost.

God was not promising instant success or an easy road ahead. God was promising presence. Hope. A future beyond what they could currently see.

The same is true in Deuteronomy 31:6. Moses speaks these words as leadership changes and the people prepare to step into unknown territory. “Be strong. Be fearless.” Why? Because “the Lord your God is the one who marches with you.”

These scriptures remind us that faith is not pretending life is easy. Faith is trusting that God does not abandon us in difficult seasons.

- Sometimes God’s hope comes through scripture.
- Sometimes through prayer.
- Sometimes through the love of a church family.
- Sometimes through stories shared together over years of ministry and friendship.

God continues to walk beside us—with steadfast love, enduring presence, and grace enough for tomorrow.

## **PRAY TOGETHER**

Invite each person to share one thing they are hopeful about and one thing they are worried about. Then pray together:

Loving God, thank you for walking with us through every season of life. When we feel afraid, remind us that we are not alone. When the future feels uncertain, help us trust your hope and your goodness. Surround us with your peace, strengthen us with your love, and guide us one step at a time. Amen.

## **MEALTIME PRAYER**

God of hope, thank you for this food and for the people gathered here. Remind us each day that your love never leaves us and your grace is always enough. Amen.

## **SERVICE CHALLENGE**

This is one way we share God’s hope with the world.

This week, contact someone who may be lonely, discouraged, or going through a difficult season. Offer a prayer, a listening ear, or simply a reminder that they are not alone.

## **CLOSING & BLESSING**

Extinguish your candle as a reminder that even when this devotion ends, God’s presence remains with you. With permission, make the sign of the cross on one another’s hand or forehead and say:

“God goes with you. God will not leave you. God’s love will carry you into hope.”