



Clearview
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Alive in Christ

A people being transformed



4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

9:30 am • Sanctuary & Online

CHURCH OFFICE

4515 38th Ave N • St. Petersburg, FL 33713

(727) 522-4673 • clearviewumc.org

Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 pm

The pastors are available by appointment

Co-Pastor – Rev. Erick Ashley – erick@spconnection.org

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Associate Pastor – Rev. Ellie Fox – ellie@spconnection.org

Administrative Assistant – Patti Marshall – patti@spconnection.org

Custodian – Position Currently Unfilled

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* | *And Can It Be*

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

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *Acts 16: 16-34* CEB

Message | *Freedom That Changes Everything* – Rev. Erick Ashley

WE RESPOND

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *Take My Life and Let It Be* – UMH 399

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

Offertory Prayer*

WE GO OUT

Worship Music* | *Run to the Father*

Benediction*

Alive in Christ - Weekly Practice

Sunday, April 26 • Praise in the Pressure - GROW

- **When stress/frustration hits: Pause**
- **Name it honestly**
- **Then say (out loud if possible): “God is still at work here.”**
- **Add one small act of gratitude**
- **Why: Forms a non-reactive, holy response to hardship**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Community Dinner - Everyone is welcome to join us at Clearview on **Sunday, Apr 26, at 5 pm**. Come enjoy a warm, home-cooked meal, friendly conversation, and the joy of sharing time together as a community. Whether you're a longtime friend or visiting for the first time, there's a place for you at the table. We look forward to seeing you there!

CLT Meeting - The next CLT meeting will be held on **Monday, May 5, at 6:30 pm** in the Care & Share Room. Please plan to attend as we continue our work together in prayer and leadership.

Considering Membership? - If you've been worshiping with us and feel ready to take the next step, we'd love to talk with you about becoming a member. Membership is a meaningful way to grow in faith and share in the mission of our church. Interested? Contact Patti at patti@spconnection.org.

Staff Appreciation – Staff Appreciation donation envelopes will be distributed for the next few Sundays for presentation on **May 31st**. Our staff and pastors' service supports and encourages 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!

CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APR 26 – 4th Sunday of Easter

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, 10 am – Room 11
- **Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Erick**, 10:45 – Care & Share Rm
- **FREE Community Dinner**, 5 pm – 6:30 – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APR 27

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

TUESDAY, APR 28

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

WEDNESDAY, APR 29

- *Nothing Scheduled*

THURSDAY, APR 30

- **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 1

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2

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

SUNDAY, MAY 3 – 5th Sunday of Easter with Rev. Emily Hotho

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

SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

Apr 26	FREE Community Dinner	5-6:30 pm	CV
Apr 27-May 3	Pastors Erick & Tracie away for graduations	-	-
May 2	United Methodist Men's Breakfast	8 am	SL
May 4-6	The Pastoral Team at The Pulpit Project	-	-
May 23	Lay Servant Ministry – Basic Course Oakhurst UMC	9am - 4 pm	CV
Jun 4-6	Annual Conference Florida Southern College	-	-

KEY

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

Week of Apr 19

Worship	47
Online Worship	21
Giving Received	\$2,601.20
Giving Needed	\$1,634.62
Surplus/Loss	\$966.58

2026 Year To Date

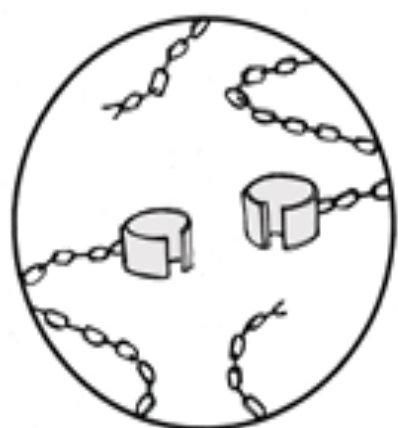
Worship (avg)	57
Online (avg)	20
Giving Received	\$24,782.65
Giving Needed	\$26,153.92
Surplus/Loss	-\$1,371.27

PRAYER REQUESTS

Apr 19: Traveling mercies for Cassie Berg as she goes to Columbus to visit her stepmom; Trevor Davis, he's on a Navy ship to Iran (Lynda Waite, friend); Theresa Goude, sister in law, health issues; John Goude, brother in law in Missouri- heart issues; niece Caty McLernon, depression, a single mom in Kissimmee FL (Jill Goude); Please pray for my brother-in-law who is undergoing chemo for advanced lung cancer. (Christina McGuire Barber)

Ongoing: 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

They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

— Acts 16:31

MEALTIME PRAYER

We call on your name, dear Jesus, to come and dine with us. We give you thanks for all you have given us. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*One question to ponder this week as you read: **How does God's word change who you are from the inside out?***

Sunday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in Prison
Monday	Acts 16:35-40	Paul Released from Jail
Tuesday	Acts 10:1-23	Conversion of Cornelius, Part 1
Wednesday	Acts 10:24-33	Conversion of Cornelius, Part 2
Thursday	Acts 10:34-48	Conversion of Cornelius, Part 3
Friday	Acts 17:1-9	Paul Goes to Thessalonica
Saturday	Acts 17:10-15	Paul Goes to Berea
Sunday	Acts 17:16-31	Paul in Athens

*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.

Using a hymnal or online search, find your favorite hymn or praise song. Sing a song of praise, together or solo. Once done, talk together or journal on how singing impacts your mood and energy.

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, we sing to you songs of praise, knowing that we have been freed from the troubles of this world. Your Son, Jesus Christ has liberated our minds and removed the shackles from our hearts so that we are able to share your love with everyone. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What is one thing that made you sing praises today? What is one thing that made you sad?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul and Silas are imprisoned for spreading the good news. While there, they sing their way through an earthquake. The jailer, who fears for his life, learns about the love of Jesus from Paul. When was a time today that you were afraid? What did you do?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Paul travels to the city of Athens and speaks with the people there. Many disagree with him. When have you agreed with someone today? When have you disagreed?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✚ Sit or stand in a circle, and pray for those who are imprisoned that they might find liberty and freedom in Jesus Christ.

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, hold each other's hands, and say, "God frees you from all sins."

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/>.