



Clearview
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Alive
in Christ**
A people being transformed



Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 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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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*

Presentation of the Colors

Worship Music* | *Rest On Us*

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* | *Holy Spirit*

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

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *Acts 2: 1-21; Philippians 4: 4-7* CEB

Message | *Alive by the Spirit* – Rev. Erick Ashley

WE RESPOND

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* – UMH 420

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

Offertory Prayer*

WE GO OUT

Worship Music* | *This Little Light of Mine*


Retirement of the Colors

Benediction*

Alive in Christ - Weekly Practice

Open Hands, Open Life - CONNECT → GROW → SERVE

Sunday, May 24

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- Each morning:
 - Sit with hands open
 - Pray: “Holy Spirit, fill me, lead me, send me.”
 - Each evening:
 - Reflect: Where did I notice the Spirit today?
 - Why: Cultivates daily dependence on the Spirit

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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 – **TODAY**
- Clearview United Methodist Church – May 31
- Lakewood United Methodist Church – June 7
- First United Methodist Church of Gulfport – June 14

Summer Pastoral Internship - This summer, the churches of the South Pinellas Connection are excited to welcome our pastoral ministry intern, Izz Prange! Izz will serve across our SPC churches as part of the Florida Conference Summer Pastoral Ministry Internship Program.

This 10-week internship helps young adults explore a call to ministry through hands-on experiences in local churches. Izz is already active at St. Luke's as Streaming Tech and serves as the Lay Delegate for Annual Conference for both St. Luke's and Lakewood. Be sure to welcome and encourage Izz as she learns, serves, and grows with us this summer!

5th Sunday Offering For Residing Hope - On **Sunday, May 31**, we invite you to support the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, now known as Residing Hope. Founded in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage, this ministry continues to provide safety, care, and Christ-centered support for children and youth. If you're able, please consider giving above your regular tithe. Mark your gift "Residing Hope" or use the special envelopes available. Thank you for helping bring hope to young lives!

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!

Join Us For Our next Community Dinner - Join us **today, Sunday, May 24, at 5 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, laughter, and connection. All are welcome!

CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 24 – Pentecost 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
- **Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Ellie**, 10:45 am – Care & Share Rm
- **FREE Community Dinner**, 5-6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MAY 25 – Memorial Day

- **Canceled Monday “BS” Bible Study**,
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 26

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- **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 29

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

SUNDAY, MAY 31 – Trinity Sunday – 5th Sunday Offering

- **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

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 17

Worship	64
Online Worship	12
Giving Received	\$2,234.20
Giving Needed	\$1,634.62
Surplus/Loss	\$599.58

2026 Year To Date

Worship (avg)	56
Online (avg)	19
Giving Received	\$31,106.18
Giving Needed	\$31,692.40
Surplus/Loss	-\$586.22

PRAYER REQUESTS

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)

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

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Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

—Philippians 4:6

MEALTIME PRAYER

God, we are amazed by all that you do for us! Let us praise you in all things, both great and small! Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is God doing in each story?***

Sunday	Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7	The Holy Spirit
Monday	Philippians 4:8-9	Focus on What Is Good
Tuesday	Acts 3:1-10	Stand Up and Walk
Wednesday	Acts 4:32-37	Believers Share What They Have
Thursday	Acts 5:12-16	Many Are Healed
Friday	Revelation 21:1-6	God Makes All Things New
Saturday	Revelation 22:1-7	God's Kingdom Come

*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.

Contact someone whom you do not talk to very often. Ask how they are doing and if they have anything that you can pray for them about.

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, you are the One who makes all things new! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Amen!

CARING CONVERSATION

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

❓ **Highs & Lows:** What are three things that made you happy today? What is one thing that made you feel bad?

❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul writes near the end of his letter to the Philippians to pray in confidence to God and not worry. What is one thing that has worried you today? What is something that has made you rejoice?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Ask each person to say or write down at least one thing that is worrying them. Lift the worries up and pray: God of peace, we bring these worries to you. Thank you for the many blessings you have given us. Help us to rejoice in you. Amen.

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, "May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus."

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