



July 5, 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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WELCOME

Welcome to Clearview United Methodist Church. 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 in front of 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 Clearview's mission.
 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

Church Bells & Time of Silence

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

Worship Music* | *For the Healing of the Nations* – UMH 428

WE PROCLAIM

Affirmation of Faith* | *Affirmation from Romans* – UMH 887

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

Invitation, Confession, & Pardon – UMH 12

Passing of the Peace*

Worship Music* | *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

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

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *Genesis 38: 24-26 CEB*

Message | *Messy Justice* – Rev. Erick Ashley

WE RESPOND

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *He Who Began a Good Work in You*

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?

Save the Date – The next Church Leadership Team (CLT) meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, at 6:30 pm in the Care & Share Room. Nursery care is available with advanced reservation. We hope to see you there!

Welcome, Pastor Sue Garcia - This Sunday we are delighted to welcome Pastor Sue Garcia to the South Pinellas Connection clergy team. Pastor Sue is a retired United Methodist pastor who has faithfully served congregations in Florida and, most recently, in Georgia. She brings a wealth of ministry experience, a deep love for Christ and the church, and a heart for helping people grow in faith.

Pastor Sue is excited to return to Florida to be closer to her family and looks forward to getting to know each of our congregations. Please join us in extending a warm South Pinellas Connection welcome and introducing yourself when you have the opportunity. We are grateful to have her with us!

Special Choir for Bishop Berlin's Visit - Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 16, when the South Pinellas Connection gathers for a special combined worship service at St. Luke's featuring Bishop Tom Berlin as our guest preacher. This is a significant occasion in the life of our churches and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our shared ministry together.

To help make the day even more meaningful, we're forming a special choir to sing during worship. We'll gather for a few rehearsals in the weeks leading up to the service. Whether you're a current choir member or simply enjoy singing, we'd love for you to be part of this special event. Sign up today if you're interested and watch for rehearsal dates and times coming soon!

Shuffleboard Sticks Needed – Do you have old shuffleboard sticks collecting dust? Several of our South Pinellas Connection churches are looking for gently used shuffleboard sticks to repurpose as banner poles in our worship spaces. If you have any, you're no longer using and would be willing to donate, we'd be grateful! Please bring them to the church office or speak with one of the pastors. Thank you for helping us creatively care for our shared ministry.

United Women in Faith Summer Picnic – Women from all four South Pinellas Connection churches are invited to a Summer Picnic hosted by St. Luke's United Women in Faith on Saturday, July 25, from 12–2 pm in Wesley Hall.

Come enjoy a delicious lunch, meaningful fellowship, and the opportunity to build new friendships with women from across our Connection. Whether you're new or have been involved for years, we'd love to have you join us for this joyful afternoon together. Please sign up in the East Wing so we can plan for lunch. We hope to see you there!

Back-to-School Supply Drive – Help local students start the school year ready to learn! Throughout July, we're collecting school supplies for children served by the Florida Dream Center, Lealman Elementary, the Lealman Asian Neighborhood Family Center, and the PAL Back-to-School Event.

This year's most-needed items are: kid scissors, pencils, index cards, colored pencils, erasers, and markers. Please place donations in the collection box by July 25. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase supplies. Thank you for supporting local children as they head back to school!

CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- **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, JULY 6

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- **Church Leadership Team (CLT)**, 6:30 pm – Care & Share Room
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Recovery Begins)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- **Narcotics Anonymous (Her Story)**, 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- **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, JULY 10

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

SATURDAY, JULY 11

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

SUNDAY, JULY 12 - Pastor Sue's First Day with Clearview

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, following Children's Moment – Room 11
- **2nd Sunday Birthday & Anniversaries Celebration**, 10:45 am – East Wing
- **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45 am – Care & Share Room

SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

July 25	United Women in Faith Summer Picnic	12 pm	SL
Aug 16	Combined Worship at St. Luke's Bishop Tom Berlin Preaching	Time TBD	SL
Week of Aug 16	New <i>Jesus is Lord</i> Study Groups Begin (All Church Campuses & Online)	Time TBD	ALL

KEY

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

Week of Jun 28		2026 Year To Date	
Worship	67	Worship (avg)	56
Online Worship	12	Online (avg)	19
Giving Received	\$1,175.50	Giving Received	\$39,105.19
Giving Needed	\$1,634.62	Giving Needed	\$42,500.12
Surplus/Loss	-\$459.12	Surplus/Loss	-\$3,394.93

PRAYER REQUESTS

COMPLETE A PRAYER CARD FROM THE PEW AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE

June 28: Jim Overton, brother, going through cancer treatment (Vicki Quale); Gabby Knight & family for the loss of her mother, Renata. For Gabby’s husband, Bob who is in the Hospice unit at Bay Pines (Mary Jo Strid); Dave D, Parkinson’s disease (Jim B); For a really good friend’s father, Gordon, who is receiving radiation treatments for vocal cord cancer (Laurie Davis);

Praise: A five-time cancer survivor who is a patient at the Ostomy clinic shared how thankful he is that the church provided space for the clinic. It is a much-needed ministry that serves so many people in the community.

From the Community Dinner: Prayers that I can get the title for my car (Carl M.); That my friend Carlos finds a home church (Robert E.); Prayers for the state of our country, America’s 250th Anniversary, Clearview UMC and all those that make up the church, for me that he guides me successfully through all trials & tribulations (Norm).

June 21: My father-in-law, Scott, and his medical journey ahead with a recent melanoma diagnosis (Erica Pierce); My brother-in-law, Marc Jones, is having complications with his Parkinson’s. It is getting worse very quickly (Laurie Davis); Lydia – lives in the community, doctors found a mass on her lung, they think it is cancer. She’s had cancer 3 times before! She is a miracle.

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., Charlotte Klotzbach

Military: Seth Crist & Family, Casey Linde-Powers

THIS WEEK’S “AT HOME” DEVOTIONAL

Unexpected Courage: Judges 4

GATHERING

Light a candle to remind yourselves that God often works through ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of courage, when we feel small, uncertain, or unqualified, remind us that you delight in working through ordinary people. Give us eyes to recognize the opportunities before us, hearts willing to trust you, and courage to follow wherever you lead. Help us believe that your strength is made perfect in our weakness. Through Christ our Lord. 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 challenge or disappointment you experienced this week?

THINKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

“Most blessed of women be Jael... she reached out her hand for the tent peg, her right hand for the workman’s mallet.” — Judges 5:24, 26 (NRSV)

Jael was not a soldier, a judge, or a military leader. She was an ordinary woman who found herself in an extraordinary moment. When the opportunity came, she acted with remarkable courage, and God used her to change the course of history.

- When have you been called to do something unexpected?
- What keeps us from acting courageously?
- Who has shown quiet courage that has inspired you?
- How might God be calling you to make a difference this week?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - As you read this week, ask: *How does God remain faithful even when people drift away from God’s purposes?*

DAY	READING	THEME
Sunday	Genesis 38	<i>Messy Justice</i>
Monday	Joshua 2:1–24	<i>Rahab’s Courage</i>
Tuesday	Exodus 2:1–10	<i>The Courage of Moses’ Mother</i>
Wednesday	Esther 4:9–17	<i>Courage for Such a Time as This</i>
Thursday	Luke 1:26–38	<i>Mary’s Courageous Yes</i>
Friday	2 Timothy 1:6–8	<i>A Spirit of Courage</i>
Saturday	Hebrews 11:32–40	<i>Ordinary People, Extraordinary Faith</i>
Sunday	Judges 4:1–24	<i>Unexpected Courage</i>

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

DEVOTIONAL

Courage rarely looks the way we expect.

We often imagine heroes as fearless, powerful, and larger than life. But throughout Scripture, God chooses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

Jael was one of those people. She wasn't the commander of Israel's army or one of the nation's leaders. Yet when history placed her in an unexpected moment, she acted with courage. Her willingness to step forward changed the outcome of an entire battle.

Most of us will never face a moment like Jael's. But every day brings opportunities to choose courage: speaking up for someone who is overlooked, offering kindness when others remain silent, telling the truth when it would be easier not to, or taking the first step to repair a broken relationship.

We often wonder whether God can use someone like us. The story of Jael reminds us that God is not looking for the most impressive people. God is looking for willing hearts.

You may never realize how one faithful act of courage can change another person's life. But God does. The same God who worked through Jael still works through ordinary people today.

PRAY TOGETHER

Invite each person to share one situation where they need courage this week. Then pray together:

Loving God, thank you for using ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Fill us with your Spirit when we are afraid. Help us trust that you can use our gifts, our kindness, and our willingness to make a difference. Give us courage to say yes when you call. Amen.

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of courage, thank you for this meal and for the people gathered around this table. Strengthen us to follow you with faithful hearts and willing hands each day. Amen.

SERVICE CHALLENGE - *This is one way we share God's courage with the world.*

Look for one opportunity this week to practice quiet courage. Encourage someone who is struggling, stand beside someone who is experiencing injustice or just feels alone. Maybe your take one faithful step you've been hesitant to take in the past?

CLOSING & BLESSING

Extinguish your candle as a reminder that God's light shines through ordinary people who trust in extraordinary grace. With permission, make the sign of the cross on one another's hand or forehead and say:

"Be strong in God's love. Be courageous in God's grace. And trust that God can work through you."