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8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

9:30 am Worship • Sanctuary & Online

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

**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 and then can 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.
* For more information, visit our website (clearviewumc.org).

**OUR MISSION**

*This is the reason we exist as a church:*

**Living an embodied faith, sharing God’s love for all.**

**OUR VALUES**

*These concepts define who we are, what we are committed to,*

 *and how we participate in community together: We are…*

**Caring and Compassionate**

**Serving-focused**

**Community-focused**

**Kingdom-minded**

**Open-minded**

**Team-based**

**Innovative**

**OUR RHYTHM OF LIFE & TRANSFORMATION**

*This rhythm moves us toward individual and communal transformation:*

**Look Up** to God • **Look In** to Ourselves • **Look Out** to our community

**OUR VISION**

*How we see God’s preferred future lived out:*

**God’s love reaches Saint Petersburg and beyond.**

**HOW IT ALL WORKS TOGETHER**

As we are ***living an embodied faith, sharing God’s love for all***;

being guided by our ***values***;

and becoming people who ***Look Up, Look In and Look Out***;

the Holy Spirit will fulfill the vision where,

***God’s love reaches Saint Petersburg and beyond***.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable*

**WE GATHER**

Welcome

Call to Worship\*

Worship Music\* | *Graves Into Gardens*

**WE PROCLAIM**

Affirmation of Faith\* | *The Kindness Affirmation*

*We believe that small actions can have a large impact, that kindness is contagious.*

*We believe in being neighborly.*

*We believe that gratitude restores the soul,*

*that taking time to say thank you is always worth the effort.*

*We believe we are missionaries in our neighborhoods;*

*that being salt and light in the world means loving and living like Christ.*

*We believe in the life-changing power of friendship.*

*We believe that beautiful days are not made by what we have, but by who we love.*

*We believe in cultivating the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,*

*goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*We thank God for this beautiful day.*

Invitation, Confession & Pardon | UMH #12

Passing of the Peace\*

Worship Music\* | *Near To The Heart* *Of God* – UMH #472

*Children dismissed to Camp Wannastay*

 Prayer For Illumination\*

Scripture Reading | *Hebrews 4:14-16* CEB

Message | *Feelings Are Okay*

**WE RESPOND**

Sacrament of Holy Communion | UMH #13

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* – UMH #526

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

**WE GO OUT**

Back-to-School Surprise for our Clearview Kids

Benediction\*

**THIS WEEK’S PRAYER GUIDE**

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| Sunday • Aug 3 | **VICTIMS OF EXTREME FAMINE IN GAZA**  |
| Monday • Aug 4 | Humanitarian Crises: Middle East, Haiti & Africa |
|  Tuesday • Aug 5 | Victims of the War in Ukraine |
| Wednesday • Aug 6 | Victims of Devastating Flooding in Kerr County & All of Texas |
| Thursday • Aug 7 | Victims of US Mass Shootings **253 (15 more in past 2 wks)**  |
| Friday • Aug 8 | Rural US Where Medicaid & ACA Assistance are Being Lost |
| Saturday • Aug 9 | Victims of Extreme Heat, Wildfires & Flooding-USA & Canada |

**New August 3rd:** Carol Comerford-prayers for an affordable home w/good location; Heather Curley (35)/Mary Grauv (30s)/Tim Patterson (50), all diagnosed with cancer-prayers for healing and comfort; David, sugar level issues-prayers that they go down (C. Russell); Amy Gordon, cancer diagnosis-prayers for healing (J. Burdewick); Hailey, cancer diagnosis-prayers for healing (C. Russell); Dee Dee Hornby (niece of Ted Hughes) who is dealing with Ted’s estate-prayers for strength; Lisa (sister) & Rita-prayers for better health (L. Kinney); Nancy, tests for heart issues-prayers for healing and strength; Bonnie Powers, cancer diagnosis but good news that no chemo or radiation presently required-prayers for continued good test results and complete recovery (L. Waite & A. Tibbetts).

**New July 27th:** Almalina-prayers for health and work/life balance (E. Newman); Mother, prayers needed (P. Meneely); Emily Newman-prayers for returning to school and home management; Shanice-prayers for a job and transportation needed so she can care for her babies (great niece-P. Meneely).

**Ongoing**: Alex, Sue & Virginia Atkins, Eileen Bennett, Carole, Chris Benware, Michael Benware, Crystal, Jean Daddis, Harry Davis, Stephen Davis, Tim Deacon, Genevieve DeHoog, Robert Eldred, Aunt Ellan, Cinda Ewen, Phyllis Greenwood, Kelly F., Eric Hinkle, Ruth Hockersmith, Rycky Hollimon, June, Ian Kolaczyk, Nelson Kimber, Carolyn McGovern, Doris Monk, Sandy Morneault, Rosemary Norton, James Persinger, Nancy Plato, Tammi Radcliff, Rich Smith, George Roth, Sr., Anna Williams, All School Teachers, Staff and Students, Pastor Erick Ashley & Family, Clearview UMC & Leadership, our country and leaders.

**Military**: Seth Crist & Family, Casey Linde-Powers, and All American Military In Harm’s Way.

**Our Mission Partners**: Our sister church in Cuba: Iglesia Metodista de Guareiras – Matanzas Cuba District; Florida Dream Center; Residing Hope, Zoe Empowers Abishyizehamwe “Togetherness” Group in Rwanda.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT CLEARVIEW?**

**Tech Volunteer Needed**

If you can operate your mobile phone or know where the space bar is on a computer, then you, too, can be a Tech Volunteer. We need someone to partner up with Eric Blonshine twice a month to operate the audio-visual equipment. Training will be provided. If you're wondering if you can do this…you can! See Pastor Erick for details.

**You're Invited to the South Pinellas Women in Faith Brunch**

The United Women in Faith at St. Luke’s UMC invites all women from the South Pinellas Connection (Clearview, Gulfport, Lakewood, and St. Luke’s) to a special brunch on Saturday, August 23, at 10 am. Enjoy Harriett’s famous Apple and Egg Casserole and a fun time of fellowship as we get to know one another.

Please RSVP with an estimated number from your church by Aug 18 by calling the St. Luke’s Church Office (Mon–Thr, 9 am–12 pm). Parking is available behind the church, with the Fellowship Hall entrance marked. Let’s celebrate this new connection together! — *Helen Sweatt, President, St. Luke’s United Women in Faith*

**Thank You for Your Extraordinary Generosity!**

Thank you, church family, for your overwhelming support of our community school supply drive! Because of your generosity, we collected over 650 items and $110 to bless children and families in our area. Your kindness is making a real difference—equipping students for success and showing our neighbors, they are loved and supported. What a beautiful expression of Christ’s love in action!

**August Birthday & Anniversary Celebration**

Join us after worship on Sunday, August 10 in the Care & Share Room and East Wing as we celebrate all August birthdays and anniversaries! Enjoy light refreshments and warm fellowship as we honor those marking special milestones this month. If we’ve missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can update our records.

**Birthdays**: Tracie Ashley (8/2), Steven Brinkley (8/9), Jill Goude (8/15). Virginia Atkins (8/18), Mary Jo Strid (8/21), Gene Benware (8/23), Barbara Finnical (8/27), Robert Eldred (8/29). **Anniversaries**: Don & Jackie McMillan (8/12)

**South Pinellas Connection Combined Worship Service**

Join us for a special Combined Worship Service with all the South Pinellas Connection churches on Sunday at 10:15 am at Lakewood United Methodist Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to worship together as one community of faith.

Following the service, Lakewood UMC will host a brunch—all are welcome to stay for food and fellowship. Don’t miss this joyful time of connection, celebration, and shared worship! Carpools are being organized. Please contact the Church Office if you need assistance securing transportation.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, Aug 3** *- A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood - Week 3: Feelings are Okay*

* **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary & Online
* **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
* **Camp Wannastay (Grades K-5)**, 10 am – Room 11
* **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45ish am – Care & Share Room

**MONDAY, Aug 4**

* **Boy Scout Troop #334**, 6 pm – Scout House & Pavilion
* **Monday Night BS,** 6:45 pm – Care & Share Room
* **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall & Room 11

**TUESDAY, Aug 5**

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

**THURSDAY, Aug 7**

* **Alcoholics Anonymous (Serenity, Back to the 40s)**, 11 am – Module 31
* **Alcoholics Anonymous (A Clear View to the Big Book)**, 7 pm – Module 32

**FRIDAY, AUG 8**

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

**SATURDAY, AUG 9**

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

**SUNDAY, Aug 10** *- A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood - #4: Anything Mentionable is Manageable*

* **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary & Online
* **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
* **Camp Wannastay (Grades K-5)**, 10 am – Room 11
* **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45ish am – Care & Share Room

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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| Aug 10 | Back to School Sunday | 9:30 am |
|  | August Birthday & Anniversary Celebration | 10:45 am |
| Aug 11 | Pinellas County Students Return to School | - |
| Aug 23 | South Pinellas United Women in Faith Brunch (St. Luke's) | 10 am |
| Aug 24 | FREE Community Dinner | 5-6:30 pm |
| Aug 31 | South Pinellas Connection Worship (Lakewood) | 10:15 am |
| Sept 2 | Church Leadership Team Meeting  | 6:30 pm |

**STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS**

 **Week of July 27, 2025 2025 Year-To-Date**

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| Worship | 74 |  | Worship (avg weekly) | 63 |
| Online Worship | 15 |  | Online (avg weekly) | 20 |
| Giving Received This Week | $2,059.00 |  | Giving Received YTD | $59,066.72 |
| Giving Needed Weekly | $1,789.00 |  | Giving Needed YTD | $53,670.00 |
| Surplus/Loss | **$270.00** |  | Surplus/Loss | **$5,396.72** |

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