



**6th Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2026**

**11:15 am • Sanctuary & Online**

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 12:30 pm

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# 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\*

Neighbors in Christ, why have we come today?  
**To live our faith, not just in words, but in love.**

Who gives us the power to act with kindness and grace?  
**God is at work in us, shaping our hearts and guiding our steps.**

What shall we do with this gift of God's Spirit?  
**We will practice our faith—serving, forgiving, and loving in Jesus' name.**

Come then, let us worship the One who makes all things possible.  
**With joy, we worship the Lord! Amen!**

Worship Music\* | *Crown Him With Many Crowns* – UMH 327

## **WE PROCLAIM**

Affirmation of Faith\* | *Adapted Version of The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth—  
the One who created us for joy,  
and whose love is deeper than our fears.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
who entered even the darkest places of our world—  
and did not stay there.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead—  
and in that rising,  
turned sorrow into joy,  
and death into life.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come again  
to set all things right.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who breathes life into weary hearts  
and surprises us with grace;  
  
the holy catholic church,  
called to be a community of hope and joy;  
  
the communion of saints,  
who remind us we do not walk alone;  
  
the forgiveness of sins,  
which frees us to live lightly and love boldly;  
  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting—  
where joy is complete and laughter never ends.**

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

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace\*

Worship Music\* | *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* – UMH 715

Prayer For Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with anticipation and joy what you have for us today.  
Amen.**

Scripture Reading | *Philippians 1: 1-18a* - CEB

Choral Response | *He Is Lord* – UMH 177

Message | *Joy That Can't Be Chained* – Rev. Erick Ashley

### **WE RESPOND**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

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

Offertory Prayer\*

Reception of New Member – Joy Turner

### **WE GO OUT**

Worship Music\* | *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* – UMH 89

Benediction\*

*Flowers have been placed on the altar by Heather, Debbie & Paul Rowe in  
memory of Margaret Bean & Violet Rowe. After the service, the flowers will  
go to Judy Bunnell & Sunny Roberts.*

# Alive in Christ - Weekly Practice

Sunday, May 10 • Reframing Joy - GROW

- At the end of each day, write:
  - One hard moment
  - One place you saw God at work
- Pray: “God, help me trust what you are doing beyond what I can see.”
- Why: Builds Wesleyan assurance and trust in grace

## WHAT’S HAPPENING?

**Considering Membership?** - If you’ve been worshipping 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](mailto:patti@spconnection.org).

**UWIF Friendship Circle** – Come and join us for faith and fellowship on **Tuesday, May 12, at 10 am**, Joy Room, followed by a Women’s bible study at **11 am**.

**Women's Spring Luncheon** – SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 16 at 1:30 pm. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or at [fumcgulfport.org](http://fumcgulfport.org).

## ST. LUKE’S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, MAY 10** – 6th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

- **First Unity Devotional Service**, 8:30 am – Wesley Hall
- **ACA**, 9 am – Joy Room
- **Bible Discussion**, 10 am – Library
- **First Unity Celebration Service**, 11 am – Wesley Hall
- **St. Luke’s Worship**, 11:15 am – Sanctuary & Online
- **OA**, 5:30 pm – Joy Room

**MONDAY, MAY 11**

- **Chair Volleyball**, 3 pm – Wesley Hall
- **Karate/Self Defense**, 5 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Rec Room

- **Church Development Team Meeting**, 6 pm – Joy Room
- **AA**, 8 pm – Wesley Hall

## **TUESDAY, MAY 12**

- **Office Open**, 9 am – 12:30 pm
- **Church Development Team Meeting**, 6:30 pm – Wesley Hall
- **ACA**, 6:30 pm – Nursery Room
- **Grace Group**, Awakened to Grace Small Group, 6:30 – Joy Room

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

- **Thrift Store**, 9 am – 1 pm - Thrift Store
- **Al-Anon**, 10:30 am – Wesley Hall
- **First Unity Meditation**, 6 pm – Wesley Hall
- **First Unity Music Rehearsal**, 7 pm – Wesley Hall
- **ACA Study Group**, 6:30 pm – Nursery Room

## **THURSDAY, MAY 14**

- **Thrift Store**, 9 am – 1 pm - Thrift Store
- **Al-Anon Begin**, 12 pm - Wesley Hall
- **Karate/Self Defense**, 5 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Rec Room
- **AA**, 7:30 pm – Wesley Hall

## **FRIDAY, MAY 15**

- **Chair Volleyball**, 1 pm – Wesley Hall
- **Food Pantry**, 5 pm – Parking Lot
- **Children/Youth**, 5:30 pm – Rec Room
- **ACA Study Group**, 5:30 – Nursery Room
- **ACA**, 6:45 pm - Nursery Room

## **SATURDAY, MAY 16**

- **ACA**, 9 am - Nursery Room
- **Thrift Store Open**, 10 am – 2 pm - Thrift store
- **ACA**, 11 am – Nursery Room
- **Chair Volleyball**, 1 pm – Wesley Hall

## **SUNDAY, MAY 17 – 7th Sunday of Easter**

- **First Unity Devotional Service**, 8:30 am – Wesley Hall
- **ACA**, 9 am – Joy Room
- **Bible Discussion**, 10 am – Library
- **First Unity Celebration Service**, 11 am – Wesley Hall
- **St. Luke's Worship**, 11:15 am – Sanctuary & Online
- **OA**, 5:30 pm – Joy Room

# SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

May 12	UWIF Friendship Meeting	10 am	SL
May 12	Women's Bible Study	11 am	SL
May 16	Women's Spring Luncheon	1:30 pm	GP
May 20	UWIF Luncheon Meeting	12 pm	GP
May 23	Lay Servant Ministry – Basic Course Oakhurst UMC	9am - 4 pm	CV
Jun 4-6	Annual Conference Florida Southern College	-	-
Jun 29	Pastor Sue arrives in St. Petersburg	-	-

## KEY

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

### Week of May 3

Worship	32
Online Worship	13
Giving Received	\$4,351.45
Giving Needed	\$3,055.78
Surplus/Loss	<b>\$1,295.67</b>

### 2026 Year To Date

Worship (avg)	36
Online (avg)	15
Giving Received	\$65,201.23
Giving Needed	\$55,004.04
Surplus/Loss	<b>\$10,197.19</b>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

**May 3:** No Requests

**April 26:** Charlie BeVille, traveling mercies for Pastors Erick & Tracie

**Ongoing:** Madison Brown, Jennifer, JJ, Buck & Sunny Roberts, Fred Bunnell, Jr., Bev Becker, Trudy James, Cheryl Fennell.



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

I thank my God every time I remember you.

—Philippians 1:3

## MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God, we praise you and thank you for bringing us around this table to break bread together. May we read, see, and hear new things as we break open your Word. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read this week, ask yourself: **What is Paul talking about in this letter? What connection can you make to your life?***

Sunday	Philippians 1:1-18a	The Church in Philippi
Monday	Philippians 1:18b-26	Paul's Reason for Happiness
Tuesday	Philippians 1:27-30	Fight for the Faith
Wednesday	Galatians 1:11-24	Paul Explains the Gospel, Pt. 1
Thursday	Galatians 2:1-10	Paul at Jerusalem
Friday	Galatians 2:11-14	Paul and Peter
Saturday	Galatians 2:15-21	Paul Explains the Gospel, Pt. 2
Sunday	Philippians 2:1-13	Living Like Jesus

*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.*

Gather together and read stories out of the newspaper or from a news website, a different story for each reader. After each person reads an article, pray for those featured in that story.

# 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

Dear Jesus, help us be as steadfast in our convictions as Paul was. Let us be willing to live our lives according to your will and your way. Amen.

## CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What brought you joy today? What made you mad or sad?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul is writing his letter from prison. But, even in these circumstances he is joyful. What is something difficult that happened today, and how can you see a little bit of hope in that situation?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's passage, Paul instructs his audience to be humble and serve others. Where did you see someone serving others today? What did you do to help someone?

## DAILY BIBLE READING

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

## PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Invite everyone to close their eyes, and pray the Lord's Prayer together out loud.

## 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, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*