



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Movement Turning the World Upside Down Week 4

*A Movement that Draws
the Circle Wide*

**May 3, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on 'Liebster Jesu'
(Robert Graham)

Organ

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come here from different places, different journeys, different identities, different backgrounds, different stories.

And God says: this is where you belong.

God's Spirit moves beyond every boundary we have drawn,

Calling unexpected people to find their place at Christ's table.

Like Peter, we are still surprised by how God has chosen to move.

Like Cornelius, we are still surprised by grace that claims us just as we are.

Jesus said: I choose you. I call you friends. Love one another as I have loved you.

And, so, we gather, embraced as we are and called to welcome others.

And, so, we gather, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

We worship the God who shows no partiality, whose love has no outer edge, and whose table of grace always has room for one more.

*HYMN

We Are God's People

2220 (black book)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,

we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[a time of silent confession]

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:44-48 (130 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Where Children Belong

(11:00)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 am, Grades K-3 are invited to Children's Worship in the Godly Playroom (215) to encounter God in story, song, and creativity. Our Nursery, located in Rm. 207, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

SECOND READING

John 15:9-17 (109 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“A Movement that Welcomes Everybody” Rev. Brian Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

895 (red book)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Creation Sings
(arr. James Koerts)

Organ

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

94 (red book)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:]

And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

(21 red book)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full – full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

[The minister continues the prayer, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:]

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died

(22 red book)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Amen

(22 red book)

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who prefer to remain in their seat may do so; simply notify an usher, and they will make sure the elements are brought to you. You may go forward to receive communion when an usher dismisses your row. You will be able to choose between dipping the bread in the cup or receiving an individual cup of grape juice. You may return to your seat via the side aisle once you have received. Persons requiring gluten free elements may obtain these at the station at the front or have it brought to them in their seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (Please join in the singing:)

HYMNS

In Remembrance of Me

2254 (black book)

Let Us Be Bread

2260 (black book)

Broken for Me

2263 (black book)

Time Now to Gather

2265 (black book)

Come, Share the Lord

2269 (black book)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world
as those illumined by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

308 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on 'Judas Maccabeus'
(Alexandre Guilmant)

Organ

THIS WEEK AT WUMC



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We're delighted to have you with us! Between services, follow the signs to our Fellowship Area for coffee, connection, and our Kids Corner. We'd love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. We're honored you chose us to worship with today!

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available in the Narthex (or ask an usher for help). If you have a "t-coil" switch on your hearing aid, you may be able to simply activate the t-coil switch. If that does not work, use one of the listening devices with a loop instead of the headphones. The loops are in the basket next to the devices. Just leave the headphones and plug in the loop instead. *Please leave devices on the cabinet where you picked it up; do not put it back in the basket. That helps us know the batteries need to be charged.*

FAMILY MINISTRY CHECK-IN STATION

If your children are participating in the Nursery or Children's Worship, at any worship hour, visit the kiosk in the Atrium to check them in for the programs they will attend. This helps us ensure your children's safety by knowing who is present and gives our guests a way to provide us with emergency contact and allergy information. The station will print a name tag for your child and a matching security tag for their adult to use at pickup time. Thank you for using this check-in system and for partnering with us to help your children have a safe, fun, and faithful experience. at WUMC!

RESPIRE CARE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Stop by the Respite Care table in the Atrium today. See some of our early memorabilia and pick up a treat. The Respite Care Ministry was approved and inaugurated by WUMC on May 11, 2001. Church members Peggy Soulen and Darla Krupski fulfilled the call to action by the Commission on Disabilities of the Virginia Annual Conference UMC in 2000, asking churches to open their facilities to disabled persons and provide supporting programming. Respite Care continues to serve this mission.

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS May 4 and 6, 9:30am | Atrium



Scan the QR code to learn more about opportunities for you and your family to grow, learn, and find community at WUMC.

KID'S MORNING OUT

Saturday, May 9, 2:30-4:30pm | WUMC Fellowship Hall

Join us for a fun event and support Kid's Morning Out scholarship fund. Wear your "Sunday best" or your comfortable clothes and grab your best stuffed friend for a fancy tea party! We will have crafts, songs, activities and of course, tea! Experience the magical moment when the music plays and trays of "High Tea Delights" (fruit shaped flowers, finger sandwiches, baked goods, etc.) are served to your table. Our hosts will serve tea, hot chocolate and lemonade. If you aren't able to attend but are interested in supporting KMO, you may purchase a *Donated* ticket. This will be available for someone else that would like to attend. We are so grateful for all who help support this event. Join us Mother's Day weekend and support our scholarship fund. Tickets are available NOW! www.tinyurl.com/2026TBT



WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



CREATION CARE TEAM Caring for God's Earth

Microplastics are tiny plastic particles, often smaller than a grain of sand, that come from broken-down plastics and synthetic materials. They are now found in our water, soil, and even the air we breathe. One simple way to help is by reducing single-use plastics like water bottles and grocery bags. Try carrying a reusable bottle and cloth tote as a small but meaningful step.

VOLUNTEERS

Your worship experience today is made possible by many volunteers. Greeters, ushers, acolytes, readers, communion servers, communion preparation helpers, watering flowers, Sanctuary preparation, flower coordinator, Easter and Christmas decorating all work to make your worship experience exceptional. Now that the church has added a Modern Worship Service each Sunday the need for volunteers has grown. If you can help in any of these roles for the Modern Worship service, contact Cindy Banek banek1@cox.net If you are interested in serving the 8:15 or 11:00am services, contact Betsy Harrison betsyTharrison@gmail.com

CARE COMMITTEE

The CARE Committee is a dedicated group of volunteer members who provide rides to medical appointments, meals for the sick, and funeral receptions. Our May Coordinators are Linda Inge (757) 345-6527 and Mary Liz Sadler (757) 229-8063. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance. To join this team of folks who care for others, email Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES

Our Circles are open to all! Please visit any of our circles and join in a time of sisterhood and service.

Heritage Scott will meet May 5, 9:45am Rm 303.

Our guest speaker, Rick Hillyer, will talk about Global Outreach.

Ruth Simpson Circle will meet May 6, 10:00am Rm. 309. Carolyn Munro will share "How American Lacemakers Supported the American Revolution."

Sisters in Grace will meet May 12, 1:00pm at the Child Development Resources Bldg – 312 Waller Mill Rd. for a tour of the new facilities and to learn about their programs.

Sisters in Mission will meet May 19, 5:00pm Rm. 309. Guest Joni Stevens, a history buff who has worked at the White House and as Chief Concierge at the Williamsburg Inn, will speak on John and Abby Aldridge Rockefeller's Christian faith, and their involvement with the community and restoration of Williamsburg from the 1930s to the 1970s.

UNITED METHODIST MEN Saturday May 16, 8:30am I WUMC Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special Fellowship Breakfast program featuring Joe Filko. Joe will present "A Nation Founded Upon an Idea," a talk exploring America's founding principles and the key figures who shaped them. A full breakfast will be prepared and served by the men of our church and will include breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls and breads, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. The cost is \$10.00 per person, with all proceeds supporting church ministries and outreach. Reserve your spot at tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast

WELCOME STACEY GARDNER

We are excited to welcome our new Director of Congregational and Community Engagement, Stacey Gardner. Stacey brings many gifts to our staff team, and we are so excited for her to help lead us forward in telling our story, connecting with our community, and building relationships with each other and our neighbors.



GOODBYE GIFT FOR MICHELLE ROY

At the end of April, we say goodbye to our former Director of Congregational and Community Engagement, Michelle Roy. If you would like to donate to a love offering that will be given to her as a sign of our appreciation, you can write a check to Williamsburg UMC and put "Love Offering" in the memo line. We are thankful for all that Michelle has done in our community.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - For Students, Early Career Professionals, And Any of Us Who Are Not Retiring for More Than 30 Years. We Got This!

Join us in the Den on the 3rd Thursday of the summer months. Next meeting will be May 21 at 7:00pm. Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

ORDER FLOWERS ONLINE

Our chancel flower calendar is available to place online orders. Orders must be placed on this form tinyurl.com/wumc-flowers at least 9 days in advance of the Sunday requested. There are SEVERAL Sundays still available in 2026. Need help ordering? Contact wumcflowers@gmail.com. Orders will not be taken in the church office or placed in the offering plate.



CLASSES

THE BOOK OF ACTS - Pastors' Bible Study

Continues Wednesdays, through May 20, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171
Thursdays, through May 21, 10:30-12:00pm | Zoom

THE WALK - Aldersgate Fellowship Sunday School

May 17-June 14, 9:30-10:30am | Wesley Hall

Hear insights from Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk*, from a wide variety of voices. Together you'll consider how to daily walk with Christ — following him, growing in him, and faithfully serving him through worship, study, service, sharing, and 5 practices Jesus did from the Cross. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

APRIL 26 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	496
In Person 11:00am.....	239
In Person 8:15am.....	117
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	57
Online.....	83

Deadline for Bulletin

Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
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WAYS TO GIVE

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give..." 2 Corinthians 9:7



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Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our Resources page at williamsburgumc.org/articles to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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TROY SIMS, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

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