



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Movement Turning the World Upside Down
Sermon Series Week 5

Turning the World Upside Down

May 10, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude
(J.S. Bach; arr. Lani Smith)

Organ

INTROIT

Praise the Lord
(Hal. H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today as witnesses to this surprising, unsettling,
and hopeful Good News:

In Jesus Christ, God is turning the world upside down.

The prophet Isaiah spoke of a world where the wolf lies down with the lamb,
where the child plays safely by the den of the serpent—

**A world turned upside down, not by violence or force, but by the power
of God's love.**

Jesus brought hope to those who are hopeless and proclaimed Good News
to the poor.

And our crucified and risen Lord is still working among us.

The early church was also accused of turning things upside down,

**Not with force or fear, but with a love that travels from place to place,
from person to person, bringing new life and shining light in the darkness.**

God is still at work in our world.

God is still turning things upside down.

We gather to worship the God who makes all things new.

We gather to worship the God of resurrection and new life.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

61 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and ever-living God, whose knowledge fills the earth
as waters cover the sea, and whose word of love and justice cannot
be silenced: grant us, we pray, the courage of those first witnesses
who carried your gospel from city to city, undeterred by opposition
and unashamed of the Good News. Give us hearts that break for those
who are in need, minds open to the Spirit's surprising work, voices to tell
the story of your grace, and lives so shaped by your love that the world
might say of us, too, that we have turned it upside down. Equip us,
through this time of worship, to live your way of hope and peace,
today and each day. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the Lord of all people and every nation, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Trinity, one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.**

ANTHEM

Lord of the Small
(Dan Forrest)

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

Isaiah 11:6-9 (641 OT)

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Thank You, God, For My Family
(Terry Taylor)

Wesley Choir (11:00)

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Little People Can Do Big Things
(Mark Burrows)

Anthony Williams (11:00)

SECOND READING

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.

Acts 17:1-15 (137 NT)

MESSAGE

"Turning the World Upside Down"

Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

182 (red book)

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.**

APOSTLES' CREED

882 (red book)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

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!	
*HYMN	<i>Now Praise the Hidden God of Love</i>	2027 (black book)
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Song of Hope</i> (Argentine Folk Melody)	Sanctuary Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Resurrection Fanfare</i> (David Paxton)	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 an emergency contact and allergy information. The station will also print out 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!



MESSY CHURCH - ONE BODY, MANY MEMBERS May 12, 5:30-7:30pm

Join us for a night of play, crafts, worship, and a shared meal. In celebration worship, we'll explore how each of us has been given gifts from God to live as people of love and hope in the world. Paul encourages us, through the ancient church, to work together and use our gifts as members of the one body of Christ together. We'll explore how God has gifted each of us, and wonder how we can use these gifts together to extend God's love in the world around us. We hope to see you there!

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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



CREATION CARE TEAM Mindful Choices, Faithful Living

Personal care products such as scrubs and toothpastes once commonly contained microbeads, tiny plastic particles that can pollute waterways.

While many have been banned, similar ingredients still appear in some products. Check labels and choose items with natural exfoliants like salt, sugar, or oatmeal. Supporting eco-friendly brands helps reduce demand for plastic-based ingredients.

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 (719) 640-3980 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

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS May 11 and 13, 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.



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.

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.

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

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

Join us for a 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. This talk by a regular contributor to the Williamsburg Gazette and a docent at the St. George Tucker Donor Reception Center at Historic Williamsburg is a great way to prepare for the Celebration our Nation on its 250 anniversary. A full breakfast will be prepared and served by the men of WUMC and will include breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, breads, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The cost is \$10.00 per person. All proceeds support church ministries and outreach. Reserve your spot tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast

AWAKENING DISSENT - Religion, Revolution and Legacy

Friday, May 29, 10:00am-5:30pm Saturday, May 30, 8:00am-12:00noon

Examine how religion influenced and impacted the American Revolution. Differing cultural concepts of religion had far-reaching impacts on the social, political, and economic lives of the colonists as they set about declaring independence and building a new nation. Legacies of the cultural responses to these impacts are reflected in the societal fabric of America today. In this symposium, religion scholars, museum professionals, and community members explore the role of religion and revolution in early America and the connections to the present day. This will include two members of HART (Historic Area Religions Together), Rev. Lisa Green of St. Martin's Episcopal and Rabbi David Katz of Temple Beth El. Attendance is free. Advance registration is required at tinyurl.com/awake-dissent

LET’S CELEBRATE AMERICA’S 250TH BIRTHDAY Sunday, May 31, WUMC

Our WUMC Quilt Ministry will have patriotic items for sale in the Atrium on May 31. Stop by between services and pick up a quilt, table runner, wall hanging and more. All proceeds will go to the **Wounded Warriors Project**. Thanks!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Choir is right around the corner! Give this low pressure, low commitment ministry a try. Each Sunday is independent, so you won't miss anything if you are away on a particular Sunday. From June 7 through August 30, we meet thirty minutes before 8:15 and 11:00 am worship services to learn easy songs to sing for worship. Come, find a warm and caring place to share the song in your heart!

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. We appreciate your desire to help beautify our sanctuary in this meaningful way.



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

WRESTLING WITH DOUBT, FINDING FAITH - Marvin Willard Sunday School

6 Sundays beginning TODAY, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174

Everyone has doubts, and too often, we treat doubt as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our trust in God is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God. You're invited to wrestle with doubt and find faith - trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers.

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.

MOSES: Searchers Sunday School

6 Sundays beginning June 7, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 303

Featuring video of Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai along the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and the Bible, you'll follow in the footsteps of a reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given. You're invited to this study to turn your own reluctance into boldness.

Questions about any of the classes, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

MAY 3 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	487
In Person 11:00am.....	235
In Person 8:15am.....	124
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	54
Online.....	74

Deadline for Bulletin

Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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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

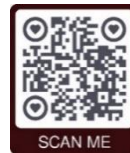


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OUR CHURCH STAFF

BRIAN JOHNSON, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

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