



Worship Bulletin and Herndon UMC News May 3, 2026

You are welcome here! This church is made up of people of all kinds. You'll hear music, words, prayers, laughter, and silence. Take it all in, participate in ways that make sense for you, and know that however you come and whoever you are, you are loved by God. Please introduce yourself to those around you, at welcome@herndonumc.org, or herndonumc.org/welcome.

THE WINDOWS PROJECT. We are beginning a hands-on effort over several months to restore our church windows. Contact office@herndonumc.org to join the Windows Project Team and receive updates and communications on plans and schedules. More information to come.

SAVE THE DATE 5/6 FOR MISSION PIN DINNER AT 6 PM. Herndon United Women in Faith (HUWF) invites you to a dinner of delicious casseroles and desserts, including vegetarian and gluten-free options, with salad and bread! Join us in Doe Fellowship Hall at 6 PM as we celebrate mission and recognize this year's Mission Pin awardees for their service.

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE (& card ministry) meets on Thursday, 5/7 at 08:30 AM in Room 109. Please join us. Come around 9:45 AM in Room 110 as we create patriotic cards for our summer mailing.

TOP OF THE HILL (5/7). Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship with Herndon UMC's retirees. All retirees welcome. RSVP to topofthehill@herndonumc.org to ensure there is enough dessert.

FOOD AND LOVE BAGS FOR THE LINK PANTRY are again available in the welcome centers. Return food donations by May (5/10).

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CORNERSTONES FORUM ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 5/12 from 3:30-5:30 PM at Herndon UMC. Join Cornerstones, faith communities, neighbors, and partners from Fairfax and Loudoun Counties as we gather to learn, connect, and take action in support of affordable housing in our region.

BENNETT STREET IMPROVEMENTS. All are welcome to attend the Town of Herndon Community Meeting on planned Bennett Street Improvements on Wednesday, 5/13 at 7 PM at Herndon High School. The Town's primary goal is to increase pedestrian (student) safety.

THE MAY WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER IS 5/20. A spaghetti dinner will be brought to you by the Costa Rica Mission team as a fundraiser for a new truck needed by Costa Rica Mission Projects. More info to come.

SERVE AT THE CLOSET ON 5/23. Help Herndon UMC support The Closet. Sign up in the app, on the clipboard, or at bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds or join the group. Contact Bill or Betty Arey at thecloset@herndonumc.org.

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES on 5/31. Share their information in advance and bring a picture & memento for display on that Sunday. Herndon UMC Fellowship Grants are also available. Get links from the worship slides, in the app, or in the Tuesday eNews.

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE: VBS registration is open! Get information about camps and sign up for Vacation Bible School (and be notified for Summer Musical Theatre Camp registration) at herndonumc.org/summer.

GET THE HERNDON UMC APP! Receive the app store link by texting "herndonumc app" to 833-841-6111. The app is great for signing up for Needs, following along in worship, and accessing the calendar and groups.

The latest version of the newsletter is available in the app, at herndonumc.org/newsletters, and from the Welcome Centers. Get the latest news anytime in the Herndon UMC app or from herndonumc.org (under News and select Weekly News). Sign up for emails at bit.ly/HerndonEmails or contact office@herndonumc.org.

Worship—10 AM

Gathering Music | *God Is Here* | UMH 660 | Played by Leah Claiborne

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Pam Bentley

Call to Worship | Bill Odio

[One] God builds a house for us—not of stone, but of promise, belonging, and hope.

[All] We are gathered into God's family by grace.

[One] Though we sometimes wander, God welcomes us. Though we fall at times, God lifts us.

[All] God's grace is greater than our failures.

[One] In Christ, we are forgiven and renewed for good works.

[All] We are God's handiwork, created in love and called to love.

[One] Come, dwell in the goodness of God's grace.

[All] We come with grateful hearts. Thanks be to God, whose grace makes a home for us all.

Opening Song | *This is the day* | UMH 657 | Led by Leah Claiborne

**This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.**

Opening Prayer | Bill Odio

**Holy and Loving God,
You are the builder of all good and lasting things. Before we ever
reached for You, in grace and love You reached for us.**

Gather us now into Your House of Grace. When we are weary, shelter us in Your rest. When we are broken, repair us with Your mercy. When we are afraid, cover us with Your peace. When we are divided, bind us together in belonging and love.

Build in us hearts strong enough to carry compassion, minds open to Your wisdom, and lives shaped like rooms of welcome for others. Through Jesus Christ, our cornerstone and foundation, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace & Invitation for KIDS Message | Rev. Pam Bentley

Children's Message | Amanda Swanson

Invitation for Kid's Offering | Amanda Swanson

Children's Special Offering | *This Little Light of Mine* | UMH 585 | Played by Leah Claiborne

Centering Music | *God, That Madest Earth and Heaven medley* | UMH 688 | Played by Leah Claiborne

Scripture | 2 Samuel 7:8-14 (NRSVUE) & Ephesians 2:4-10 (CEB) | Bill Odio

2 Samuel 7:8-14 (NRSVUE)

" ... Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following sheep to be prince over my people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you went; I have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ... Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his

kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.”

Ephesians 2:4-10 (CEB)

“God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God’s grace! And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus. God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus.

You are saved by God’s grace because of your faith. This salvation is God’s gift. It’s not something you possessed. It’s not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God’s accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message | Rev. Larry Buxton

Invitation to Giving | Rev. Pam Bentley

Offertory | *We Shall Overcome* | arranged and played by Leah Claiborne

Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | UMH 94 | led by Leah Claiborne

**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 uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering Prayer | Rev. Pam Bentley

Communion |

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.

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.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
You gave birth to your church,
Delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
And make with us a new covenant
By water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave
thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in
remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, Gave thanks to you, gave
it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood
of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance
of me."

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; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy
Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the Lord's
Prayer in the language that is the most comfortable and familiar to
each one of us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Recite the Lord's Prayer in the language most familiar to you.)

(In English) **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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

(In Spanish) **Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy el pan nuestro de cada día; perdónanos nuestros**

pecados, así como nosotros perdonamos a los que pecan contra nosotros; no nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos de mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

(In Korean) 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지, 아버지의 이름을 거룩하게 하시며 아버지의 나라가 오게 하시며, 아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이 땅에서도 이루어지게 하소서.

오늘 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주시고, 우리가 우리에게 잘못된 사람을 용서하여 준 것 같이 우리 죄를 용서하여 주시고, 우리를 시험에 빠지지 않게 하시고, 악에서 구하소서. 나라와 권능과 영광이 영원히 아버지의 것입니다. 아멘.

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer | Rev. Pam Bentley

Closing Hymn | *Go, Make of All Disciples* | UMH 571 | led by Leah Claiborne

**[V. 1] "Go make of all disciples:" We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from you, our Father, In your eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning Through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living Reveal you ev'rywhere.**

**[V. 2] "Go make of all disciples." Baptising in the name
Of Father, Son, and Spirit From age to age the same.
We call each new disciple To follow you, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body By water and the Word.**

**[V. 3] "Go make of all disciples." We at your feet would stay
Until each life's vocation Accents your holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in ev'ry heart,**

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Revealing in our witness The Master Teacher's art.

**[V. 4] "Go make of all disciples." We welcome your command;
"Lo, I am with you always." We take your guiding hand.
The task looms large before us We follow without fear.
In heav'n and earth your power Shall bring God's kingdom here.**

Benediction | Rev. Larry Buxton

Leaving Music | *This is the Day That The Lord Has Made (medley)* | Played
by Leah Claiborne