



COLESVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR VISION

We seek to be a captivating beacon of God's Light to the community that draws people to Christ and provides spiritual sustenance and wholistic support to people's lives.

OUR MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Rev. Dr. Michael W. Armstrong, Pastor

Mrs. Paulette Wright, Lay Leader

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, Tidal Basin District Superintendent

Mrs. Sherrill Cole, District Administrator

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, Resident Bishop

Worship Service - 10am, July 12, 2026

Prelude begins at 9:45am

Worship In-person or Live on YouTube

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Enjoy Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Worship Service
Worship July 12, 2026

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(arr. by Carol Tornquist)

Curtis Richardson

Introit

Old Time Religion

Langston Smith *(soloist)*

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Margo Smith

Liturgist: Come, all who have wandered and all who have remained faithful.

All: We come because God's love has never stopped calling us home.

Liturgist: Before we knew God, God knew us. Before we loved God, God loved us.

All: We gather to worship the God whose mercy is greater than our failures.

Liturgist: God teaches us to walk, lifts us when we fall, and never abandons God's children.

All: We will sing of God's steadfast love forever as we worship and praise God!

Unison Prayer

All: Loving and faithful God, we thank you that your mercy is greater than our mistakes and your grace is stronger than our failures. When we wander, you pursue us. When we stumble, you lift us. When we forget you, you never forget us. Open our hearts today to hear your voice, receive your love, and respond to your call. Renew our minds, restore our spirits, and remind us that nothing can separate us from your steadfast love revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
UMH No. 140 (all verses)

Congregation

Prayer of Confession

All: Faithful God, Too often we have forgotten that every good gift comes from you. We have trusted our own strength more than your grace. We have pursued success more than faithfulness, comfort more than compassion, and security more than obedience. Forgive us for the times we have ignored your voice, neglected justice, withheld mercy, and failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Bring us home again. Teach us once more to walk in your ways, that our lives may reflect your steadfast love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Hear the good news! The God who asked, "How can I give you up?" is the same God who sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. God's mercy is greater than our sin. God's grace is stronger than our failures. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and welcomed home.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Offertory Prayer

All: Gracious God, Every good and perfect gift comes from you. Receive these tithes and offerings as expressions of our gratitude for your steadfast love. Use them to strengthen your Church, care for those in need, proclaim the good news, and build communities where justice, mercy, and hope flourish. May our giving reflect the generosity you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Announcement and Welcome

Scripture

Hosea 11:1-11

Hymn of Meditation

I Can't Even Walk

Langston Smith *(soloist)*

Sermon

God's Love: A Love That Won't Let You Go

Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: Faithful and loving God, we thank you that before we ever sought you, you sought us. When we wandered, you pursued us. When we fell, you lifted us. When we doubted, you remained faithful. Thank you for loving us with an everlasting love. We pray today for those who feel forgotten, those burdened by guilt, those struggling with broken relationships, those living with grief, those searching for hope, and those wondering if anyone still cares. Surround them with your steadfast love. We pray for the Church at large. Renew congregations that have grown weary. Strengthen pastors and lay leaders. Help us never to become so focused on maintaining institutions that we forget Your mission. Teach us to be communities where truth and grace walk together. We pray for our neighborhoods, our schools, our workplaces, and our nation. Heal divisions. Guide leaders with wisdom and humility. Help us pursue justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Bless the ministries of this congregation. As we seek to strengthen discipleship, renew our facilities, serve our neighbors, and expand opportunities for affordable housing and community ministry, may everything we do flow from hearts transformed by your love. Continue teaching us to walk in your ways, and may your steadfast love shape every decision we make. We thank you for the promise that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. With confidence we now pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

Pastor: Go now in the confidence that you are loved with an everlasting love.

All: Help us remember God when we stumble, You will lift us. When we wander, You will call us home. When we grow weary, Your grace will sustain us.

Pastor: Now may the steadfast love of God, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding fellowship of the Holy Spirit go with you, keep you, and remind you every day that God's love is a love that won't let you go.

All: Amen.

Benediction Response

As You Go Tell the World

Congregation

Postlude

He *(by Mullen/Richards)*

Langston Smith *(soloist)*



We hope you have a great rest of your day and wish you an amazing week ahead!