



# 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

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Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, Tidal Basin District Superintendent

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**Worship Service - 10am, July 5, 2026**

*Prelude begins at 9:45am*

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## Sermon

## Freedom's Unfinished Business

Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor: Gracious and Almighty God, we bless Your holy name and thank You for every good gift You have blessed us with. We thank You for this nation, for the freedoms we truly enjoy, and for those throughout our history who sacrificed that liberty might be expanded for future generations. Today we pray for our country as well. Grant wisdom to those entrusted with leadership, integrity to those who exercise authority, compassion toward the vulnerable, and courage to all who seek justice and peace. Heal the divisions that separate us. Where there is hatred, sow love. Where there is fear, sow hope. Where there is deception, establish truth. Where there is injustice, let righteousness flow like an ever-flowing stream. Strengthen Your Church that we might never confuse loyalty to any earthly kingdom with our allegiance to Jesus Christ. Make us faithful witnesses who love our neighbors, welcome the stranger, care for the poor, defend the oppressed, and proclaim the Good News of salvation through Christ alone. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who are weary, heal those who are sick, encourage those who are discouraged, and provide for those who are struggling. Continue to shape us into the people You have called us to be, that our worship may honor You not only with our lips but with our lives. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying...

**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****Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: 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.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and

made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Our Lord Jesus 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."

Likewise, 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:

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: 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 your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

### **Benediction**

Pastor: Go now in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: We go to celebrate the blessings God has given us.**

Pastor: Remember the truth with humility.

**All: We go to seek justice with courage, love mercy with compassion and walk humbly with our God.**

**Pastor:** And may the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you, remain with you, and empower you to let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, both now and always.

**All: Amen.**

**Benediction Response**

**As You Go Tell the World**

**Congregation**

**Postlude**

**Festival Toccata**

**Curtis Richardson**

*(by Rex Koury)*