



Colesville United Methodist Church

52 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

A Community of Faith in Action

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 | August 2, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am

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**Sunday Worship Service
Communion Sunday
Worship August 2, 2026**

Prelude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(arr. by Scott Oyer)

Curtis Richardson

Introit

Welcome Into this Place

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Maxine Jenkins

Liturgist: People of God, we gather not trusting in our own strength, but in the power of God's Spirit.

All: We come seeking the One who renews the weary and strengthens the faithful.

Liturgist: Though mountains stand before us and obstacles seem great,

All: Our God is able to make a way where there seems to be no way.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose Spirit empowers ordinary people for extraordinary purposes.

All: We will worship the Lord with gladness, trusting not in might nor power, but in the Spirit of the living God.

Unison Prayer

All: Faithful God, You have called us to build Your kingdom in every generation. Too often we rely on our own strength, wisdom, and resources, forgetting that Your work is accomplished through the power of Your Spirit. May this time of worship inspire us to trust You more deeply and follow You more faithfully. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory (UMH No. 98 (all verses))
Please see the last page for lyrics

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we confess that we often depend upon our own abilities rather than Your Spirit. We have trusted our plans more than Your promises, our resources more than Your provision, and our strength more than Your sustaining grace. We have become discouraged by challenges, intimidated by obstacles, and impatient with small beginnings. Forgive us for doubting what You can accomplish through willing hearts. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit so that we may serve You with courage, humility, and joyful obedience. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Hear the Good News. The God who called the prophets still calls God's people today. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, restored, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's purposes.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offertory Prayer

All: Generous God, every good and perfect gift comes from You. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to strengthen Your Church, care for those in need, and advance Your kingdom in this community and throughout the world. May our giving reflect our confidence that Your work is accomplished not by our might or power, but by Your Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Announcements and Welcome

Scripture

Zechariah 4:1-14

Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong

Musical Selection

Because He Lives

Sermon

The Anointing Makes the Difference

Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: Gracious and Almighty God, we thank You that You never call us to accomplish Your work alone. When we are tempted to rely on our own strength, remind us that Your Spirit is more than sufficient. When the work before us appears overwhelming, teach us to trust Your promises rather than our limitations. We pray for Your Church throughout the world. Empower congregations to proclaim the Gospel with boldness, to serve with compassion, and to witness with courage in every community. We pray that you would empower the ministries here at Colesville as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We pray for those who are sick, grieving, lonely, unemployed, anxious, or burdened by life's struggles. Let Your healing presence surround them and Your peace sustain them. We remember our community, our nation, and our world. Bring justice where there is oppression, peace where there is conflict, reconciliation where there is division, and hope where there is despair. Fill each of us anew with the power of Your Holy Spirit so that our lives may reflect the love of Christ in our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and wherever You send us. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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 confidence that God is not limited by your resources, your abilities, or your fears. Whatever mountains stand before you, remember the promise of the Lord: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

All: We go in the strength of the Holy Spirit to serve Christ with courage, humility, and hope.

Pastor: And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

All: Amen.

Benediction Response

As You Go Tell the World

Postlude

Improvisation and Toccata on "Diademata"

Curtis Richardson

(Lani Smith)



We hope you have an amazing August!

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gates that all may go in

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He hath taught us
Great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done

Glory glory glory glory
Give Him glory great things He has done
Glory glory glory glory
Give Him glory great things He has done
(REPEAT)>

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