



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 16, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am

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**Sunday Worship Service
Worship August 16, 2026**

Prelude

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us
(by Larry Shackley)

Curtis Richardson

Introit

Gentle Savior *(D. Phelps)*

Gabriel Navarrete Moraes
(soloist)

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Eldon Ralph

Liturgist: The Lord calls us to consider our ways.

All: We have come to seek God's wisdom and direction.

Liturgist: We have built many things,

All: But we are called to build what matters for the Kingdom of God.

Liturgist: God build our faith, strengthen our hope, and deepen our love.

All: As we offer our hearts, our gifts, and our lives You, O God, know that we have come to worship You with joy and thanksgiving!

Unison Prayer

All: Faithful God, You call Your people to place Your kingdom above every earthly priority. Forgive us when we have invested more energy in our own comfort than in Your mission. Stir our hearts by Your Holy Spirit. Help us build lives marked by faithfulness, churches marked by compassion, and communities marked by justice and hope. As we worship today, renew our vision so that everything we build may glorify You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God
UMH No. 102 (verses 1-4)

Congregation

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, You have blessed us with gifts, opportunities, and resources, yet too often we have focused on building our own kingdoms rather than Yours. We confess that we have sometimes neglected Your work while pursuing our own ambitions. Forgive us for misplaced priorities, distracted hearts, and fearful spirits. Restore our passion for Your mission. Teach us once again to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Hear the Good News! The God who called His people to rebuild the Temple is the same God who rebuilds broken lives today. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to join in God's work.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offertory Prayer

All: Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use them to build hope where there is despair, healing where there is brokenness, and faith where there is doubt. May everything entrusted to this church become a testimony to Your glory and Your grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Announcements and Welcome

Scripture

Haggai 1:1–8; 2:1–9

Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong

Opening Hymn

Were It Not for Grace (by L. Harris)

Gabriel Navarrete Moraes
(soloist)

Sermon

Building What Matters to God

Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: O God of every generation, You have always called ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things for Your Kingdom. We thank You for the opportunity to partner with You in building lives, families, churches, and communities that reflect Your love. We pray for Your Church throughout the world. Strengthen pastors, lay leaders, missionaries, teachers, and servants who labor faithfully for Your Kingdom. Renew congregations that have grown weary. Give vision where there is uncertainty and courage where there is fear. We lift before You this congregation. Continue preparing us for the work You have called us to do. Bless every ministry, every volunteer, every child, every youth, every senior, every family, and every visitor. Help us not to simply preserve this institution but help us build faithful disciples. Help us not merely maintain traditions but fulfill Your mission. May everything we undertake point others toward Jesus Christ. We pray for our nation and for all who hold positions of leadership. Grant them wisdom, humility, integrity, and a genuine commitment to justice, mercy, and the common good. We pray those who are sick, recovering, grieving, lonely, unemployed, burdened by anxiety, or facing uncertain futures. Be their healer, comforter, provider, and guide. Finally, remind us that the greatest temple You desire is not made with bricks or stone, but with transformed hearts filled with Your Holy Spirit. Make us living stones built together for Your glory.

We pray 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

Benediction

Pastor: Go now with hearts committed to building what truly matters.

All: We will build lives rooted in Christ. Build families grounded in love. Build communities shaped by justice and mercy. And build a church that reflects the hope of God's Kingdom.

Pastor: And remember the promise of the Lord: "My spirit abides among you; do not fear." Now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on "Miles' Lane"
(Will Stockton)

Curtis Richardson