



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 | September 6, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am

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**Sunday Worship Service
September 6, 2026**

Prelude	Sweet Hour of Prayer (Wm. Bradbury) <i>(arr. by Paul Johnston)</i>	Sylvia Crowder
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Introit	Taste and See <i>(arr. by Glenda Clay)</i>	Colesville Choir
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Call to Worship **Liturgist: Langston Smith**

Liturgist: God makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

All: We trust the God who makes a way where there seems to be no way.

Liturgist: We gather with gratitude for what God has done and expectancy for what God will do.

All: We are ready for the new thing God is doing among us.

Liturgist: Come, people of God, let us worship with open hearts and renewed spirits.

All: This is a new season. Let us worship the Lord!

Unison Prayer

All: Gracious and Ever-Creating God, we thank You for bringing us into a new season. We praise You for all You have done, but we refuse to believe that Your best work is only behind us. Open our eyes to see what You are doing now. Open our hearts to receive what You are bringing forth. Where there is wilderness, make a way. Where there is dryness, send living water. Where we have become weary, renew us. Where we are uncertain, teach us to trust You. As we worship, awaken within us a holy expectancy and prepare us to participate in the new thing You are doing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn	Wonderful Words of Life <i>UMH No. 600 (verses 1-3)</i>	Congregation
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Labor Day Litany

Liturgist: On this Labor Day weekend, we give thanks to God, who has given us gifts, abilities, creativity, and strength for the work of our hands.

All: God of all creation, bless the work of our hands.

Liturgist: We give thanks for those whose labor teaches our children, heals the sick, protects communities, builds our homes, grows and prepares our food, transports our goods, keeps our communities functioning, and serves the common good.

All: We thank You, O God, for every worker and every form of honest labor.

Liturgist: We remember those whose work is often overlooked—the laborer working behind the scenes, the caregiver serving without pay, the worker holding multiple jobs, and all whose contributions are too easily taken for granted.

All: God of justice, let every worker be seen, valued, respected, and treated with dignity.

Liturgist: We pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, those seeking meaningful work, those worried about providing for their families, and those whose jobs are uncertain.

All: God who makes a way in the wilderness, provide opportunities, resources, and hope.

Liturgist: We pray for those who labor under unfair conditions, inadequate wages, unsafe workplaces, discrimination, exploitation, or exhaustion.

All: God of righteousness, establish justice and fairness in every workplace.

Liturgist: Teach us that our worth is not determined by our productivity, our position, our paycheck, or our title.

All: Remind us that before we are workers, we are Your beloved children.

Liturgist: Teach us also the holiness of rest, for You created Sabbath not as a reward for finishing all our work, but as a gift for Your people.

All: Give rest to the weary, renewal to the exhausted, and peace to those carrying heavy burdens.

Liturgist: As we enter a new season of ministry, remind us that there is also sacred work entrusted to the church—work of loving, serving, welcoming, teaching, healing, witnessing, and making disciples.

All: Lord, use our gifts and bless the work of our hands.

Liturgist: May our labor serve more than ourselves. May it contribute to communities where all people can flourish.

All: And whatever we do, may we do it with gratitude, justice, compassion, and love.

Liturgist: God is doing a new thing. May our hands be ready to participate in it.

All: Here we are, Lord. Bless the work of our hands and use our lives for Your glory. Amen.

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Prayer

All: Gracious God, You have blessed us with gifts, resources, abilities, opportunities, and the work of our hands. We now return a portion of what You have entrusted to us. Receive these gifts and use them to make pathways of hope in wilderness places and streams of blessing in dry places. As You do a new thing among us, teach us not merely to observe it but to participate in it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. In Jesus name, Amen.

Offertory Selection

Lead Me, Guide Me (*Doris Akers*)
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (*UMH, p. 95*)

Colesville Choir

Pastoral Announcements and Welcome

Scripture

Isaiah 43:18–20

Musical Selection

Yes God Is Real (*Kenneth Morris*)

Colesville Choir

Sermon

**Something New Is
Springing Up**

Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong

Pastoral Prayer

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, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

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. 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. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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, 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."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. 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 the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Benediction

Pastor: Go now in the power of the risen Christ—

All: We go as witnesses of resurrection!

Pastor: When the world feels like a tomb—

All: We proclaim the stone is rolled away!

Pastor: When fear tries to hold you—

All: We declare death is not the final word!

Pastor: Go with hope, courage, and joy—

All: Christ is alive within us!

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

All: Amen! We go in resurrection power! Alleluia!

Postlude

Give Me Jesus

(Fanny Crosby)

Sylvia Crowder

**WISHING YOU AN
AMAZING HOLIDAY
WEEKEND AND A
GREAT WEEK AHEAD!**



★ ★ ★ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ★ ★ ★

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Stretch Class (Cancelled)
September 9th

Outreach and Missions Women's
Interfaith Food Distribution
September (Multiple Dates) | 4:30 PM

God's Children Sunday School
Sunday, September 20 | 10 AM

OCTOBER EVENTS

NEW EVENT: JPA Candidate Action
for an Affordable Maryland
Sunday, October 18 | 2:45 PM

Comedy Show
Saturday, October 24 | 5:30 PM

**REMEMBER TO SEE THE BULLETIN FOR INFORMATION ON ALL THE
AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY!**