



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 | October 18, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am.

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Sunday Worship Service | Women's Day
October 18, 2026

Prelude

Near to the Heart of God (*arr. by Marianne Kim*)

Curtis Richardson

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Bernice Abner

Liturgist: Jesus prayed that all who believe in him might be one.

All: We gather as people held together by the love of God.

Liturgist: There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All: We share one hope and worship one God, who is above all, through all, and in all.

Liturgist: Today we celebrate women whose faith, leadership, and service strengthen the church.

All: Together, let us worship God and answer Christ's call to unity.

Unison Prayer

All: Loving God, you have brought us together through Jesus Christ and made us members of one body. As we celebrate Women's Day, we thank you for women who nurture faith, build relationships, serve their neighbors, and lead with courage. Open our hearts to your Word. Teach us humility, gentleness, and patience. Help us listen with love, honor one another's gifts, and work together in peace. May the unity we share reveal your love to the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
UMH No. 48 (verses 1,2,3)

Congregation

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, Jesus prayed for our unity, yet we confess that we sometimes allow pride, resentment, and misunderstanding to divide us. We speak before we listen and judge before we seek to understand. We overlook the gifts of others and resist voices that challenge our familiar ways. Forgive us. Heal the relationships we have wounded. Give us courage to seek reconciliation and grace to receive it. Teach us to bear with one another in love and make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: The love of God revealed in Jesus Christ reaches us even in our brokenness. Receive God's forgiveness and the grace to begin again. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! By the Holy Spirit, we are renewed to walk together in love.

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Selection

If I Can Help Somebody

Kehembe Eichelberger

Offertory Prayer

All: Generous God, receive these gifts and the lives we offer with them. Use them to nourish faith, meet human needs, and strengthen the bonds of community. Bless the ministries of United Women in Faith and all who serve through this congregation. May our shared generosity make your love visible. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Welcome and Purpose

Cheryl Adams

Welcome of Visitors & Welcome Song

Memorial Moment

In Loving Memory:

Bertina D. Herndon, Sylvia M. Sawyer, Henrietta Jean Bentz,
Cemora Newsome, Kimberly Ware, Marjorie Williams, Julianne Davis

Musical Selection

Kehembe Eichelberger

Pastoral Announcements

Scripture

John 17:20–26 and Ephesians 4:1–6

Michele Cade

Hymn of Meditation

Lord I Done, Done

Kehembe Eichelberger

Sermon

Unity; God's Gift, Our Response

Irene PrabhuDas

United Women in Faith Women's Day Litany

Mary Wilkerson

Leader: Gracious God, we gather to celebrate the women you have called, strengthened, and sent to serve.

All: We give you thanks for women whose faith brings hope, whose love builds community, and whose courage opens doors.

Leader: For Miriam, who led with song; Deborah, who offered wisdom; and Esther, who spoke with courage—

All: Teach us to use our voices and our gifts for the good of your people.

Leader: For Mary, who answered your call; Mary Magdalene, who proclaimed the resurrection; and the women who sustained the ministry of Jesus—

All: Help us follow Christ faithfully and share the good news boldly.

Leader: For the women who prayed us through hardship, taught us the Scriptures, nurtured our faith, and showed us how to serve—

All: We honor their witness and carry their love into a new generation.

Leader: For United Women in Faith, and for the ministry of women at Colesville United Methodist Church—

All: Strengthen our fellowship, deepen our discipleship, and guide our work with women, children, and youth.

Leader: Where women face violence, discrimination, poverty, or barriers to opportunity—

All: Give us courage to stand beside them, challenge injustice, and work for lasting change.

Leader: Where families hunger, caregivers grow weary, young people struggle, and neighbors feel forgotten—

All: Open our eyes to see, our hearts to care, and our hands to help.

Leader: Remind us that every generation has gifts to offer and wisdom to receive.

All: Unite us across generations, making room for new voices and encouraging one another in faith.

Leader: When the work is difficult and our strength is low—

All: Renew us through prayer, rest, and the care of this community. Help us receive the love we so freely give.

Leader: God of justice and compassion, send us from this celebration ready to answer your call.

All: Rooted in faith and united in love, we will serve with compassion, lead with courage, and work for justice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Bernice Abner

Benediction

Liturgist: Go forth to live a life worthy of your calling. Receive unity as God's gift.

All: We will respond with humility, gentleness, patience, and love.

Liturgist: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit keep you and strengthen you to serve together in peace.

All: Amen.

Benediction Response

As You Go Tell the World

Congregation

Postlude

Joy, Joyful Joy
(arr. by Robert W. Thygerson)

Curtis Richardson