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 | November 8, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am

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Sunday Worship Service | Veteran's Day Recognition
November 8, 2026

Prelude **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** **Curtis Richardson**

Call to Worship **Liturgist: Langston Smith**
Liturgist: When the work is hard and we grow weary,
All: God gives us strength.

Liturgist: When we face uncertainty and fear,
All: God gives us courage.

Liturgist: When our neighbors need care and support,
All: God calls us to serve together.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the Lord.
All: We come with faith, hope, and grateful hearts to serve the Lord.

Unison Prayer
All: Faithful God, you call us to continue your work even when the way is difficult. When we are discouraged, renew our hope. When we are weary, give us rest and strength. When we are uncertain, grant us wisdom. As we worship today, open our hearts to your word and prepare us to serve together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** **Congregation**
UMH No. 117 (verses 1-4)

Prayer of Confession
All: Merciful God, forgive us when fear has kept us from doing what is right and when discouragement has caused us to lose hope. Forgive us when we have failed to notice those carrying heavy burdens or have expected others to do the work we share. Forgive us when we have allowed disagreement to keep us from listening to one another. Renew our faith, strengthen our hands, and teach us to walk together in love. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Liturgist: God hears our prayers and meets us with steadfast love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again to faithful service.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Veteran's Day Recognition **Langston Smith**

Veterans Day Litany
Liturgist: Today we remember and give thanks for the women and men who have served in the armed forces of our nation.
All: We honor their service and the sacrifices they and their families have made.

Liturgist: We remember those whose service took them far from home and those who served in places near and familiar.
All: We give thanks for their commitment and for all who supported them.

Liturgist: We remember those whose work was seen and celebrated, and those whose service was essential but too often overlooked.

All: We honor every gift offered and every life entrusted to our care.

Liturgist: We remember veterans who returned with visible injuries and those who carry wounds we cannot see.
All: Surround them with compassion, healing, and communities of care.

Liturgist: We remember those who served while facing discrimination and those whose contributions have not always received the recognition they deserved.
All: Help us tell their stories truthfully and honor their service with gratitude and justice.

Liturgist: We remember spouses, children, parents, caregivers, and loved ones who shared the burdens of service.
All: Strengthen and sustain the families who have served alongside them.

Liturgist: We remember those who did not return and all who continue to grieve their loss.
All: Comfort those who mourn, and hold their loved ones in your everlasting care.

Liturgist: As followers of Jesus Christ, we give thanks for those who have served, and we pray and work for the peace God desires for all people.
All: Lord, guide us in the ways of justice, reconciliation, and peace. Amen.

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Selection	**Battle Hymn of the Republic** *(arr. by Kevin McChesney)*	**Colesville Ringers**

Offertory Prayer
All: Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for the work of your kingdom. Strengthen the ministries of this church, provide for our neighbors, and help us to be faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastoral Announcements and Welcome

Scripture	**Nehemiah 4:1–14; 6:1–9**	
Hymn of Meditation	**Now Thank We All Our God** *(arr. by Anna Laura Page)*	**Colesville Ringers**
Sermon	**"Stay on the Wall: Overcoming Opposition to the Work of Rebuilding"**	**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

Benediction
Pastor: Go in the strength of the Lord. Pray when the work is hard. Care for those who carry heavy burdens.
All: We will listen to one another, remain faithful to our calling, and work for justice and peace.
Pastor: 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.

Postlude **He Is King of Kings** **Curtis Richardson**
(arr. by Douglas E. Wagner)