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 22, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am

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Sunday Worship Service
November 22, 2026

Prelude **Fanfare of Thanksgiving** *(arr. by Dan R. Edwards)* **Colesville Ringers**

Introit **Even Me** *(arr. by Michael Reid)* **Colesville Choir**

Call to Worship **Liturgist**
Liturgist: Come, let us hear the Word of God.
All: Open our ears to hear and our hearts to understand.

Liturgist: Come, let us share the joy of the Lord.
All: May the joy we receive here reach our neighbors.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship Jesus Christ, our King.
All: We rejoice in the Lord who reigns with justice and mercy.

Unison Prayer
All: Gracious God, gather us around your Word. Help us understand what we hear and live what we understand. As we worship Jesus Christ, teach us to recognize him in the people he calls us to serve. May the joy of your presence strengthen us and make us generous. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Opening Hymn **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** **Congregation**
UMH No. 140 (all verses)

Prayer of Confession
All: Merciful God, we confess that we have heard your Word and sometimes left it at the church door. We have thanked you for what is on our table while overlooking those who have nothing prepared. We have called Jesus Lord and resisted his call to welcome, share, and seek justice. Forgive us. Give us ears to hear our neighbors and courage to change what keeps them from having enough. Teach us to live under Christ's reign of love. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Liturgist: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ, our King, comes to us with mercy. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin again.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Selection **We Gather Together** **Colesville Choir & Ringers**
(arr. by Mary McDonald)

Offertory Prayer
All: Generous God, receive these gifts and guide us in their use. Let them nourish faith, sustain ministry, and bring practical help to our neighbors. May our giving bear witness to the reign of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Announcements and Welcome

Scripture **Nehemiah 8:1-12**

Hymn of Meditation **Rivers of Delight** *(by David von Kampen)* **Colesville Choir**

Sermon **What's the Point? The People!** **Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong**

Intercessory Prayer
Liturgist: Christ our King, you identify yourself with the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned. We bring before you those who are struggling to put food on the table or keep a roof over their heads. We pray for those who will spend this holiday alone, and for those who will feel the absence of someone they love. Show us whom we can call, invite, visit, or serve.
All: Let your kingdom come among us.

Liturgist: We pray for children and young people who need someone to listen, for elders who long for companionship, and for caregivers who need rest. We lift up those who are ill and those whose burdens are known only to you. Give us the patience to listen and the willingness to share the load.
All: Let your kingdom come among us.

Liturgist: We pray for Colesville as we discern how to use our gifts, our buildings, and our resources. Keep the people we serve at the heart of our decisions. Give our leaders wisdom, our congregation a spirit of generosity, and our neighbors a voice in the work we undertake together.
All: Let your kingdom come among us.

Liturgist: We pray for those entrusted with public leadership. Move them to protect the vulnerable and pursue a just peace. And as we turn toward Advent, prepare us to welcome you in the places and people we might otherwise pass by.
All: Let your kingdom come, and let your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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: Colesville, let the Word be heard. Let the table be shared. Let the weary find strength, and let the joy of the Lord reach somebody's doorstep.
All: We will go in the grace of Jesus Christ, who reigns in love.

Pastor: And when you wonder what all this praying, planning, and building is for, remember: the people!
All: We will remember God is still building the people, and by God's grace, we get to be part of that work. Amen.

Benediction Response **As You Go Tell the World** **Congregation**

Postlude **We're Marching to Zion** **Curtis Richardson**
(arr. by Gordon Young)