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 15, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am

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Sunday Worship Service | Laity Sunday
November 15, 2026

Prelude **City Called Heaven** **Curtis Richardson**

Introit **Welcome Into This Place** **Colesville Choir**

Call to Worship **Liturgist: Maxine Jenkins**
Liturgist: Come, people of God. The One who knows our wounds welcomes us with mercy.
All: We come to worship the God who has been merciful to us.

Liturgist: Christ calls us to put away bitterness and to be tenderhearted toward one another.
All: Open our hearts, O God, to receive your grace and to share it.

Liturgist: When the hurt is deep and forgiveness seems far away, Christ meets us where we are.
All: Meet us here, Lord Jesus, and lead us in the way of peace as we worship you in spirit and in truth.

Unison Prayer
All: Gracious God, thank you for the forgiveness you offer us in Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to receive your mercy and to extend it to others. When forgiveness is hard, give us patience and courage. Help us loosen our grip on old hurts and make room for your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn **Rejoice, the Lord Is King** **Congregation**
UMH No. 715 (verses 1,2,3,4)

Prayer of Confession
All: God of grace, forgive us for the words we used to wound and the silence we used to avoid responsibility. Forgive us for the times we excused our own conduct and kept a careful account of someone else's. We confess that we have sometimes asked others to move on before we were willing to make amends. Give us the courage to name what we have done, to repair what we can, and to practice kindness where we have caused harm. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Liturgist: Hear the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Selection **O Give Thanks** **Colesville Choir**

Offertory Prayer
All: Gracious God, you have given us more than we can count, and in Jesus Christ you have shown us mercy. Receive these offerings and use them to feed our neighbors, care for those who are hurting, and share the good news of your love. Bless the work of our hands and make us generous with resources, time, and gifts you have given us to share with others. In Jesus ' name we pray. Amen.

Laity Sunday Litany
Liturgist: On this Laity Sunday, we give thanks for the ministry of laypeople. Through baptism, Christ calls us to serve in the church and in the world.
All: Here we are, Lord. Use our gifts in your service.

Liturgist: We give thanks for those who teach and mentor, lead worship and welcome strangers, prepare meals and visit those who are sick or homebound.
All: Bless the work of our hands and the care we offer one another.

Liturgist: We give thanks for those who live out their faith at home, at school, at work, and in our neighborhoods, standing with their neighbors and working for justice**.**
All: Help us live what we profess wherever you send us.

Liturgist: When we wound one another in the course of serving together, give us the humility to listen, the courage to make amends, and the grace to forgive.
All: Make us kind and tenderhearted, as Christ has been toward us.

Liturgist: For the gifts already at work among us and for the gifts you are stirring in children, youth, and adults,
All: We give you thanks, O God. Send us out together to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Announcements and Welcome

Memorial Remembrance	**Chuku-Dinka Spencer** **Faithful Over a Few Things**	
Scripture	**Ephesians 4:31-32 | Matthew 18: 21-22 | Luke 23: 33-34**	
Hymn of Meditation	**Faithful Over a Few Things (by Glen Burleigh)**	**Colesville Choir**
Sermon	**Forgiveness – A Gift We Give Ourselves**	**Eldon Ralph**

Intercessory Prayer
Liturgist: God of mercy, draw near to those who are hurting today. Be with the one who may never hear an apology and the one who is trying to find the courage to offer one. Give people living with harm a safe place and trustworthy help. Give those who have caused harm the humility to accept accountability and the resolve to change.

We pray for families divided by old wounds, for friendships broken by betrayal, and for communities still bearing the cost of injustice. Give us patience with one another's healing. Where trust can be rebuilt, let it grow through truth and faithful action. Where distance is needed, grant wisdom and peace.

Bless those who are sick, grieving, or weary today. Hear the prayers we speak aloud and the ones we hold in our hearts. Let the mercy we receive from you shape how we speak, how we make amends, and how we care for one another. We pray 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
Liturgist: Go in peace, beloved of God. May the mercy of Christ lighten what you carry. May the Holy Spirit give you grace to begin again. And wherever you go this week, may someone know the kindness of God through you.
All: Amen.

Benediction Response	**As You Go Tell the World**	**Congregation**
Postlude	**Not Alone For Mighty Empire**	**Curtis Richardson**