



Faith. Family. Fellowship. Music.
Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 10:00 am

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Celebrating: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

We thank today's Worship Team leaders:

Music: *Jim West*

Scripture Reader: *Roger Edwards*

Sunday School: *Cheery Villaseñor*

Facebook Coordinator: *Roberto Villaseñor*



Welcome to Congers UMC. We are happy to have you with us. Join us for a time of food and fellowship after worship service in the fellowship hall. If this is your first time with us, please fill in your name, email address, and/or cell number in the **“Welcome Visitor’s Form”** in the back of the pew in front of you. Kindly place it in the offering plates or give it to any member. We hope to see you again.

Congers UMC is open for in-person worship service, as well as, on Facebook Live* www.facebook.com/CongersUMC. *Please be aware that we use Facebook Live for our worship services. If you are uncomfortable being screened or having pictures taken of yourself or family members, please let our Communications Team (Cheery Villaseñor or Bishop J know).

This is the seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost. Pentecost, is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth and empowerment of the Church. In this season, we are reminded of the outpouring of the Spirit for the work, mission and growth of Christ’s mission through the Church.

Bold print: read in unison
*Stand in body or spirit

ORDER OF WORSHIP

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)
TFWS (The Faith We Sing)

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

Many: **people called to the Table**
where simple grace nourishes us.

One: From down the road to across town to the ends of the world.

Many: **God's people are called to community,**
where we live and serve one another.

One: From every class, every race, every status;
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

Many: **As God's people we seek to increase our faith,**
to offer peace to a shattered world,
to feast together at one table of love. AMEN.

Center for Faith and Giving

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, from all corners of earth, your people sing your praise and prepare to feast at your Table. Thank you for the opportunity to share worship with sisters, brothers, and siblings from around the globe as we sing in different languages, eat varied types of bread, and share this joyful communion with believers of different ages, races, and languages. Gather us all into your loving embrace as we rejoice, sharing Christ's love made visible in the loaf and in the cup. **AMEN**

PC(USA) World Communion Sunday Liturgy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
We confess that we have not always lived as one body in Christ.
We have allowed divisions to grow among us,
failing to see your image in our neighbors.
We have pursued our own desires,
neglecting the needs of others and the unity you call us to.

Forgive us, Lord, for our fumbleings and failures.
Renew our hearts and minds,
that we may embrace the diversity of your creation
and celebrate the bond we share in Christ.

Help us to break bread with humility,
to share the cup with gratitude,
and to live as your people, united in love and purpose.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who makes us one, we pray. Amen.

From the Africana Worship Book, Year B, (UMC Discipleship Resources, 2007) Used with permission.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE, GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.

*Offer each other the gift of forgiveness: **"In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."**

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS

(continued on next page)

PROCLAMATION

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

"Kum Ba Yah"

UMH#494

***SCRIPTURE**

Selected Verses From the Gospel Of John, Chapter 6

MESSAGE

"Just Fuel"

Bishop J

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF COMPASSION/ PASTORAL PRAYER

You are invited to lift names for prayers of celebration or concern;
respond with **"Thanks be to God/ Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers"**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Special Offering of Hope for Friends in Need

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

For your giving convenience, Congers UMC now has online giving with Givelify:
go to <https://www.givelify.com> designate Congers UMC. Or, Use our QR code
by pointing the camera on your cell phone to this image:



***RESPONSE**

"To God Be The Glory"

UMH #99

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION (see page 5)

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE (see page 4)

***SENDING SONG**

"We are The World"



There comes a time when we heed a certain call
When the world must come together as one

There are people dying - Oh, when it's time to lend a hand to life - The greatest gift of all
We can't go on pretending day by day - That someone somewhere will soon make a change
We're all a part of God's great big family - And the truth, you know - Love is all we need

Chorus:

We are the world - We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day - So, let's start giving -
There's a choice we're making - We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day - Just you and me

Well, send them your heart so they'll know that someone cares -
And their lives will be stronger and free

As God has shown us by turning stone to bread - And so we all must lend a helping hand

Chorus

When you're down and out - And there seems no hope at all
But if you just believe - There's no way we can fall
Well, well, well - Let's realize, oh, that a change can only come
When we stand together as one

Chorus

*(performed by USA For Africa) This song was a charity single meant to help the victims of famine in Africa.
All the profit (over \$60 million) was donated to Ethiopia, Sudan, and other poor countries.
"We Are The World" was written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie and produced by Quincy Jones.*

***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

POSTLUDE (Please be seated)

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Opportunities for Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

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Compassion Prayers

- Please keep in heart and prayer church members, families, and friends who stand in the need of prayer. You can find the complete list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. (If there are additions, removals, or amendments to this list, please let Pat Williams know.)
- We pray for God's Peace and Justice throughout our country and throughout this world; such as the ongoing wars between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Iran, The Congo, Somalia and other parts of Africa, and other parts of our world. Global issues, such as, immigration, atomic energy, women and children abuse, active shootings, climate change, attacks on democracy, disarmament, food insecurity, the unsheltered, etc.



Service

- If you didn't bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to PEOPLE TO PEOPLE, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francs Reid, coordinator, for more information.



Future Opportunities

- **Sunday, October 19, following 10am Worship: Annual CongersUMC CHARGE/CHURCH CONFERENCE.** All members and interested friends in the future of CongersUMC are encouraged to attend. **District Superintendent Rev. William M. Williams III** will be present and presiding on behalf of Bishop Cynthia Moore Koikoi, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church.
- **Sunday, October 26, CongersUMC Community Prayer Walk Sunday.**
- **Saturday, November 1, 4pm - 7pm "Put Your Boots On The Ground" Line Dance training and Dance, at CongersUMC Education Building,** donation \$20, sponsored by the **John Anthony Celebration Committee**, for more information **contact Frances Reid at rk645frn@aol.com**. (see flyer on page 6)

Other Community Events

- **Saturday, October 18th, 5:30 and 6:45pm seatings, Pearl River UMC** Community Fundraising Event: Dining for a Difference: to help support critical missions in the community! \$12 adults, \$7 children. Please call the PRUMC at (845) 735-2241.
- **Spring Valley UMC, Joshua: "Sight and Sound Production, Lancaster County, PA., June 13, 2026, \$300, payable in stages beginning October 19. Info: please contact Shantelle Williams Johnson**



CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all good gifts, we've gathered to grow in faith, to share our voices and to offer our gifts. We've brought these gifts, grateful for all we receive from your hand. Receive this offering. Fill us once more with your Spirit, and help us spread the Table love known here to all we encounter in the coming days. AMEN

Invitation to Communion*

People will come from east and west and north and south to sit at table in the Kingdom of God. They will come with hope and they will come with doubts. They will come with faith and they will come with fears. They will come with love and they will come with regrets. They will come across all sorts of barriers and boundaries. Joining God's people across the globe and joining the saints of every time and place, we come to this table today. All are invited. God longs to feed us – all of us – with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

*Adapted from Presbyterian Outlook 2025 Liturgy written by John Wurster and Keatan King and provided for free distribution.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts! **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

Blessed are you, O God our Creator, whose image dwells in every face of the human family. In the faces of the matriarchs and patriarchs of Israel, we see your desire to raise up a chosen people. In the faces of judges and rulers, we behold the beauty of your law. In the faces of your priests and prophets, we witness your passion for justice and righteousness. So now, joined with the global chorus of our siblings in Christ around the world, we glorify you and pray for the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of you as waters upon the face of the sea.

We give thanks that you sent your Son into the world to show us your many faces:

Unexpected child, **Unwelcomed refugee,**
Unhoused wayfarer, **Lover of the unlovable,**
Toucher of the untouchable, **Loved by the least,**
feared by authority, **friend of the weak and foe of the strong.**

Come, Mighty Spirit, upon this bread and cup that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. As once you set your face to Jerusalem to relieve your people's suffering once and for all— send now your Holy Spirit

to the people of Palestine, starving and tired of being starved...
the people of Burundi, impoverished and tired of being impoverished...
the people of Ukraine, war-ravaged and tired of being war-ravaged...
the people of El Salvador, corrupted and tired of being corrupted...
the people of North Korea, silenced and tired of being silenced...
the people of the United States, divided and tired of being divided.

By your Spirit unite all peoples in Christ until we feast with him and all the saints in light.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Gracias a Dios! We thank God for beauty, heard in various languages.

Grazie Dio [Grat-zia Dee-O] (Italian) We offer thanks for worship in many forms.

Sin isiyeo gamsahabnida (Korean)
(Shin Ni Ye O Gamshab nit ha)

We thank God for Jesus, whose compassion fills us, so we might share whenever we see brothers and sisters in need, whether next door or on the other side of the globe.

Come! The feast is prepared, and you have a place.

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