



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Sunday

Celebration of Laity

Celebration and Consecration of Commitments for the 2026 Missional Budget

Shantelle Williams Johnson, Lay Servant, Lay Member to Conference,

Worship Leader

Jim West, Musician

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 or second 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. You may also access this form digitally with our “Connect” QR code. 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 **Reign of King Sunday**, celebrating Christ’s kingship, the Sunday before Advent.

Today we celebrate **Thanksgiving Sunday**. We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving this Thursday.

This is **National Native American Heritage Month**. This commemorative month aims to provide a platform for Native people in the United States of America to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life. In November we also recognize **National Epilepsy and Prostate Cancer Awareness**

Today we collect our commitments to our **Stewardship Initiative for the 2026 Missional budget “How Can We Say Thanks?”**



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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

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***Stand in body or spirit**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Jim West

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Shantelle Williams Johnson, Worship Leader

PRAISE AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Cheery Villaseñor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said we are his witnesses.

We know God's Spirit is at work in our lives.

We listen for his voice in the cries of our neighbors.

We know your plan is to gather all in love.

As God's own people, we are Spirit-strong, ligaments of grace when we follow your wisdom and instruction for a "whole" way of life.

We thank God that our own lives can "cover" the LORD's song when we know the "script" by heart.

AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH #369

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we know our story with you joins a great cloud of witnesses whose lives are also verses in your song. Spirit of Jesus, empower us to be a "whole body," knit together by grace.

God, we long to live again according to your instruction for life.

Jesus, help us receive the stories of struggle and joy from those who need to share them.

We know the Spirit's power at work in us is the same power that made Jesus alive again, forever.

Bless the ties and tales that bind us together in love.

God, help us live into your script/story for life.

Jesus, remind us that the stones cry out when we keep silent.

God, we know you are with us and the mystery of your good news is a gathering plan for life.

Savior God, we are your people, and you are our God. We belong to you and to your love for the life of the world.

All: Amen

SELECTION OF PRAISE

Alexa Romualdo

INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

Laurie Tacadena and Arielle Rogers

Leader: We will go, Lord, into the world, telling and retelling the story with other believers, taking the gospel and making disciples among all the people with whom we come in contact. We will go, knowing you will be with us. You, O God, to whom we would, in these moments, pour out our lives in service and in thanksgiving. But we know the barriers that stand in our way. We cannot pour ourselves out to you fully as individuals with unconfessed sin in our lives. We cannot pour ourselves out to you fully as your body when we are in conflict with others. So, hear our confession, forgive and deliver us, and give us courage to offer your peace to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We have sinned against you and one another, Lord. We have not lived worshipfully. Lord, in your mercy, **"Hear our confession." (R)**

Silence

We have not loved you wholly. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not lived worshipfully. Lord, in your mercy, **(R)**

Silence

We have not denied ourselves and taken up our own cross daily. We have not lived worshipfully. Lord, in your mercy, **(R)**

Silence

We have not loved kindness, pursued justice, or walked humbly with you. We have not lived worshipfully. Lord, in your mercy, **(R)**

Silence

We have not shared the good news with our lips or in our lives. We have not lived worshipfully. Lord, in your mercy, **(R)**

Silence

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The saying is sure: If we confess our sins, God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. As forgiven and reconciled people, we share Christ's peace and forgiveness with one another. Share with your neighbor, **"In the name of Christ, you are forgiven."**

SELECTION OF PRAISE

Wynnum Sabile and Lila Villaseñor

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS

PROCLAMATION

SELECTION OF PRAISE

CongersUMC Music Team

MESSAGE

"How Blessed thou Art and Give Thanks"
Galatians 3:2, 5: 13-14, 22-26

Evelyn Jaeger

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

"How Can I Say Thanks" Commitments to the CongersUMC Mission Budget 2026

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

"My Tribute" UMH #99

Music Team and Congregation

SENDING

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

Remarks : Bishop J

*SENDING SONG

"We Are Marching In The Light of God"

TFWS #2235-b

*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

Be strong in the Spirit, receiving every neighbor's story of struggle with grace. And may God, in the name of Jesus Christ and the Spirit empower all our efforts to live well together for others. And while on others thou are passing, do not pass us by, but bless our food, that we will receive, our fellowship, our families, our friendships, our music and our faith. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE (Please be seated)

Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Opportunities for Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

We thank our Worship Team Leaders:

Worship Leader: Shantelle Williams Johnson

Music: Jim West

Guest Laity Sunday Speaker: Evelyn Jaeger

Invitation to Confession: Laurie Tacadena and Arielle Rogers

Special Music: Alexa Romualdo, Wynnum Sabile and Lila Villaseñor, CongersUMC Music Team

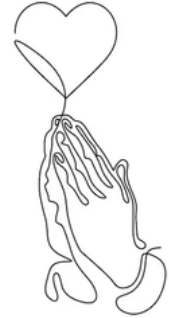
Communications/Sunday School: Cheery Villaseñor

Facebook Coordinator: Roberto Villaseñor

Hospitality: Men of CongersUMC

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.
- **Today: November 23, 2025, 6pm Rockland UMC Thanksgiving Service at Suffern UMC.** Attendees are asked to bring a dinner dish, side dish, or dessert to share, and a gift of non-perishable food for the local food pantry.



Future Opportunities

- **Sunday November 30, 2025 - 1st Sunday of Advent, Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Consecration and Celebration: "How Can I Say Thanks" Commitments for the 2026 Missional Budget

Other Community Events

- 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



Sunday December 21, 10am,

A Jazzy Christmas Service,

**with Joe Ham and
Hamitup Productions, Inc**



November Birthdays

Eufemia Tacadena 11/3 & John Jaegar 11/14



*****Important notice about new electronic communications: *****

We are exciting to introduce Congers United Methodist Church's NEW text & e-news notification system. We will be using it to send notices for Sunday Worship and online worship links, upcoming events, important notices from Bishop Johnson, the church or the conference office, etc. If you have provided the church with your e-mail or cell phone, you are already on the list and If you prefer to be removed or want to add your contact information to be included in these *communications*, **please let Pat know, or call or e-mail the church office.**