



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship
January 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Martin Luther King Birthday Sunday
Human Relations Sunday



Bold print: read in unison

*Stand in body or spirit

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing)

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

"Steal Away/Come Sunday and "Deep River"

Judy Gorman

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Carole Anderson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?

Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.

The love of God called Martin Luther King, Jr to follow Jesus—are you ready to follow?

Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, adapted-aj

***OPENING HYMN**

"Woke Up This Morning"

TFWS #2082

LITANY OF PRAYER REMEMBERING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

The Prophet Micah told us that the LORD requires us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. As we celebrate Martin Luther King's witness, let us be called to worship by some of the prophets of the Civil Rights Movement. In 1963, in his challenging letter to complacent white clergy in the South, Dr. King wrote, "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the harmful words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

O God, we pray, transform our silence into action, our fear into courage.

President John F. Kennedy in an address that led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 said, "The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities; whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated."

O God, we pray, help us to love you and to love others as ourselves.

Rosa Parks said, "You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. John Lewis said "Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America."

O God, we pray, remind us that you did not give us a spirit of fear.

Ann Braden, activist and ally of the Civil Rights movement wrote, "In every age, no matter how cruel the oppression carried on by those in power, there have been those who struggled for a different world. I believe this is the genius of humankind, the thing that makes us half divine: the fact that some human beings can envision a world that has never existed."

O God, forgive us and help us to envision and struggle for a world where justice will roll down like waters, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen

SILENT MEDITATION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

BJ WORDS OF ASSURANCE, GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

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

WELCOME FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

(Please fill out a CongersUMC Connect card)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

PROCLAMATION

*SONG OF PREPARTION

"Guide My Feet"

TFWS #2208

*SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 49:1-7
John 1: 29-42

Lisa Anderson

MESSAGE

"Where Are You Staying"

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 UMC Human Relations Offering: *building the beloved Community through Community Developers, Voluntary Services, Youth Rehabilitation programs*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

"Lord, we consecrate these gifts to You. May they be used to proclaim the good news, to feed the hungry, to clothe the poor, to comfort the brokenhearted, and to strengthen the work of Your church. Let every coin, note, and resource be a seed planted in fertile soil, producing a harvest that glorifies Your name. Amen."

As we prepare for our offerings, if you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out our "Connect Card" in the back of the pew in front of you. Place it in the offering plates as pass on to any member or Bishop J.

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:



*SENDING SONG

"We Shall Overcome"

UMH #533

*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

POSTLUDE (Please be seated)

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

thank you

We thank our Worship Team Leaders:

Worship Leader: Carole Anderson

Musician: Judy Gorman

Scripture Reader: Lisa Anderson

Special Music: Nick Orange

Communications/Sun. School: Cheery Villaseñor

Hospitality: *Coffee and Cake*

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 **“CongersUMC Connect Card”** 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.



*As mentioned earlier, 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).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Sunday, January 25, 2026 following Worship

CongersUMC One Board Meeting

• Sunday March 22, 2026

CongersUMC celebrates: 140TH ANNIVERSARY!!!



Marion Julmis (1/10)

Roger Edwards (1/19)

Jackie DeSouza (1/21)

Lila Villaseñor (1/21)

