



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship
January 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany



CARRYING THE LIGHT

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

Bold print: read in unison

*Stand in body or spirit

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

"Digital DJ-2"

Rondee Gaines Hall

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

***OPENING HYMN**

"How Great Thou Art"

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, envelop us in the warmth and comfort of Your divine love. In a world filled with anger and fear, let Your light be ever visible to guide us through dark times. Strengthen our faith and help us find solace in You, leading us away from unjust places. As we seek Your embrace, may we become beacons of hope for those who are frightened and lost. Teach us to love as You love, so that we may carry Your light to all corners of the world. In Your tender mercy, grant us peace and everlasting joy. **Amen.**

By: Your Prayer Now's Editorial Team

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Christ,

**we come to You knowing that we have fallen away
from your intentions for us.**

**We have followed the paths of greed and envy,
turned away from our brothers and sisters in need
in order to satisfy our own desires.**

You gave your life for us,

and yet we are willing to give so little at times.

Forgive us for not understanding that You laid down your life for us.

**Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love,
to live for others instead of ourselves.**

Call us back to repent and return to the kingdom of God.

In your precious name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE, GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Christ continues to lay down his life for us, so that we might have life. Christ continues to show us the way, so that we might live into the truth and the life. Christ continues to love us, so that we might love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Know that you are forgiven, loved, and given new life. Amen

*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 PREPARATION**

“Shine Jesus Shine”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

Micheal Miller

Covenant Group Reflections on Scripture Jayon Anthony, Linda Cantillano, Dorothy Miller

MESSAGE

“Don’t Outen That Light”

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

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**

“This Little Light of Mine”

***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

AFTER MUSIC

“Walk in the Light”

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

thank you

We thank our Worship Team Leaders:

Worship Leader:

Digital Musician: Rondee Gaines Hall

Scripture Reader: Micheal Miller

Covenant Group Leaders:

Jayon Anthony, Linda Cantillano, Dorothy Miller,

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, February 8, 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)

