



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

## Sunday Worship

February 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany,



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

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

### ENTRANCE

### GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Sonya Burnham

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

**We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*"Blessed Assurance"*

UMH #369

#### OPENING PRAYER (*Unison*)

Oh God, Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer -

How do we thank you?

How do we show our gratitude?

Do you want signs and sacrifices?

Do you want gold and cattle?

Can we turn over our children to you?

Would that repay our debt, make everything right?

Tell us, what do you require in return for all your goodness?

Oh God, Our teacher, example, companion -

You have shown us what is good, and call us to remember that what you require is not repayment of debt or settling the score, but obedience.

Show us, God, When to do justice, how to love kindness, and where to walk, humbly, with you.

**Amen.**

Written by Dana Cassell, a former BVS volunteer. Posted on the Church of the Brethren website, <https://www.brethren.org/>.  
Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/prayer-micah-6-6-8.html>.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Micah reminds us that our prayers, fasting, and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice:

When we forget the fast you desire—

To do justice, and rise up for the powerless:

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we forget the prayer you love—

To show compassion and care for those in need:

**Christ, have mercy.**

When we forget the rituals you require—

To create relationships of righteousness and peace:

**Lord have mercy.**

#### SILENT MEDITATION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*"Jesus We are Here (Jesu Tawa Pano)"*

TFWS#2273

## ASSURANCE, GRACE, FORGIVENESS

Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us, and sets us free to rebuild, restore, and raise up foundations for new generations. **Amen.**

*Adapted from Rev. Susan A. Blain, posted on the Worship Ways website at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/salty-bright-and-good-service-prayers-for-the-5th-sunday-after-epiphany-year-a-february-9-2020/>.*

\*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

Jackie DeSouza

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Micah 6:1-8  
Matthew 5:1-12

Shakia Bullock  
Khariye Hayes Bullock

## MESSAGE

*"Everybody Talkin' 'Bout Heav'n Ain't Goin' There"*

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 Compassion Offering for Members and Friends**  
**Food Offerings for *People to People* Food bank**

*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:



## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## \*RESPONSE

*"All Things Come of Thee..."*

UMH #588

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Word and Table III,*

UMH #15

## \*SENDING SONG

*"They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

TFWS #2223

## \*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

## POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

*Acolytes carry the Light into the world!*

# thank you

## We thank our Worship Team Leaders:

**Musician:** Jim West

**Worship Leader:** Sonya Burnham

**Scripture Reader(s):**

Shakia Bullock & Khariye Hayes Bullock

**Communications/Sun. 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 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.



\*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.



### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, February 8, 2026 following Worship  
**CongersUMC One Board Meeting**
- Sunday March 22, 2026  
**CongersUMC celebrates: 140TH ANNIVERSARY!!!**



Shakia Bullock (2/16)  
Bishop Alfred Johnson (2/11)  
Reno Laluna (2/19)  
Les St. Louis (2/6)

