



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship

February 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany,



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

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

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Digital DJ “RJ” (Dr. Rondee Gaines Hall)

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Jayon Anthony, Worship Leader

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, why are you here?

We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

People of God, who do you worship?

We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God’s glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

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

OPENING HYMN

“Everytime I Feel the Spirit”

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, as we consider that we are “lights of the world and salt of the earth,” we recognize that just like light shines in the darkness and salt preserves and seasons, we are called to be agents of light and preservation in a world that often seeks to stray from Your truth.

Father, we pray that we would not lose our savour but remain vibrant carriers of Your goodness. Cultivate in us a light and flavor that draws others to You, for we know that without the essence of Your love reflected within us, we are but tasteless and lack good light and seasoning.

Forgive us when we don’t allow our lights to shine or allow our seasoning to falter. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

May our words, actions, and attitudes be seasoned with light, love, mercy, and kindness. AMEN

ASSURANCE, GRACE, FORGIVENESS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God; **Amen.**

Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website, <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>.
Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/confession-light-of-world.html>.

*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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

- **Saturday February 14** “Valentine’s Day”, 8:30am Trustees
- **Sunday February 15**, Dr. Rondee Gaines Hall, Guest Preacher, “*Celebration of Black History Month*,” “Soul Food Luncheon,” sign up online and/or email Carole Anderson caroleanderson8@yahoo.com your food contribution
- **Wednesday, February 18, 7pm, Ash Wednesday Service**, New City UMC, All Rockland County UMCs gathering, see all Lenten worship services on program below.
- **Wednesday, February 25, Immigration Task Force of the UMC Council of Bishops and March on Washington Day “Faithful Resistance: A Public Witness for Immigrant Justice.** Plans are being considered to have a bus from Rockland County. More information to follow. Contact Linda Cantillano or Bishop J

We recognize our February birthdays:

Les St. Louis (2/6), this week!

Bishop Alfred Johnson (2/11), Shakia Bullock (2/16), Reno Laluna (2/19)

Other February Birthdays?

Please read the bulletin for additional announcements.

PROCLAMATION

SONG OF PREPARATION

Shantelle Williams Johnson

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

“Matthew 5:13-20”

Nick Orange

The teaching of Christ: salt and light

5:13" You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

5:14" You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

5:15 People do not light a lamp put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

5:17" Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

COVENANT GROUP REFLECTIONS

MESSAGE

“*Lit Up and Seasoned!*”

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

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:



*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS

*SENDING SONG

“*Shine Jesus Shine*”

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

thank you

We thank our Worship Team Leaders:

Worship Leader: Jayon Anthony

Scripture Reader: Nick Orange

Digital DJ "RJ" Dr. Rondee Gaines Hall

Covenant Group Leaders: Linda Cantillano,
Dr. Stacey May, 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.

*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).



Rockland UMC Lenten Services 7pm

Spring Valley, Thiells-Garnerville, Suffern, Congers, Pearl River, and New City

- **Wednesday February 18, Ash Wednesday:** at New City, Pastor Lark McCallum, Spring Valley, preaching.
- **Maundy Thursday April 2,** at Congers, Pastor Woo Lim, Thiells-Garnerville, preaching
- **Good Friday, April 3,** at Pearl River



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



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 Francis Reid, coordinator, for more information.



EVENTS

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8:30am Trustees by Zoom



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• Sunday March 22, 2026, 10am, Celebration of CongersUMC 140th Anniversary, Rev. Dr. Robert Duncan, Jr, Preaching. Dr. Duncan is currently president of Northwind Theological Consortia, and previously lived in the CongersUMC parsonage while his father pastored 1954-1960. Anniversary Committee: Evelyn Jaeger, Jayon Anthony, Cheery Villaseñor