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Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

## Sunday Worship

February 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

Celebration of Black History Month



**Bold print:** read in unison

\*Stand in body or spirit

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

### ENTRANCE

#### PRELUDE

Judy Gorman

#### GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Carole Anderson

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; Persecuted, but not forsaken; Cast down, but not destroyed.

**Congregation:** African American history tells the story of a people whose faith in God, hope in the future, and love for one another sustained them through every generation.

**Leader:** As You gave them strength to fight, give us power to break the chains of mass incarceration, poverty, violence, and the sins that so easily beset.

**Congregation:** As we gather for worship, we remember the sacrifices and faith of these courageous men and women.

**All:** Guide our feet, focus our minds, and sustain our hearts as we strive to serve this present age in unity and brotherhood.

AMEN.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

UMH #519

#### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we invoke Your divine guidance as we begin Black History Month. We seek wisdom to appreciate the struggles and triumphs of the Black community. May Your light illuminate our hearts and minds, enabling us to embrace the lessons and inspirations that Black history offers. AMEN

Written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.  
Posted on the Worship Ways website at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/transfiguration-sunday-year-a-february-19>.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I Dream a World

**I dream a world where man**

**No other man will scorn,**

**Where love will bless the earth**

**And peace its paths adorn**

I dream a world where all

**Will know sweet freedom's way,**

**Where greed no longer saps the soul**

**Nor avarice blights our day.**

A world I dream where black or white,

Whatever race you be,

**Will share the bounties of the earth**

**And every man is free,**

**Where wretchedness will hang its head**

**And joy, like a pearl,**

**Attends the needs of all mankind-**

**Of such I dream, my world!**

- Langston Hughes

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**O GOD, FORGIVE US AND GRANT US THE POWER TO DREAM AND BECOME SUCH A DREAM!  
AMEN**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*"It's Me, O Lord...."*

UMH #352

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

\*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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY** (*see page 4*)

**PROCLAMATION**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

Nick Orange

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

"Matthew 17:1-9 NKJV"

Lisa Dawn Anderson

**MESSAGE**

*"I Got a Love Jones"*

Dr. Rondee "RJ" Gaines Hall

**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:



**\*SENDING SONG**

*"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

TFWS #2235b

**\*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

**POSTLUDE** (*Please be seated*)

Judy Gorman

*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

**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).

## We recognize Transfiguration Sunday.

This day occurs the Sunday just before Lent and commemorates the event where Jesus is transfigured on a mountain revealing his divine nature to his disciples as recorded in Matthew 17:1-9. This event is a pivotal moment in the gospels emphasizing Jesus's identity as the son of God and the importance of listening to his teachings.

## Today we celebrate Black History Month.

The theme in 2026 "A Century of Black History," commemorate 100 years since the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926 by historian Dr. Carter G Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History which later evolved into Black History Month. This Centennial encourages a century of highlighting the impact of these observances on culture, identity, and the recognition of black contributions to society. Today in music, prayers, witness and a Soul Food Luncheon, we celebrate Black History Month.

## 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.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday February 22, 10am, A Celebrative moment of our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
- **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. [www.faithfulresistance.org](http://www.faithfulresistance.org). Contact Linda Cantillano or Bishop J.
- **Sunday March 22, 2026, 10am, Celebration of CongersUMC 140<sup>th</sup> 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



### Lenten Services at 7pm

**All Rockland County UMCs gathering:** Spring Valley, Thiells-Garnerville, Suffern, Congers, Pearl River, & 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



Les St. Louis (2/6)  
 Bishop Alfred Johnson (2/11)  
 Shakia Bullock (2/16)  
 Reno Laluna (2/19)  
 Dr. Stacey May (2/20)