



ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Jim West

WELCOME

Evelyn Jaeger, Worship Leader

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God, and remember the faithfulness of the Lord through the generations.
We remember the prayers, the songs, the service, and the love that have filled this place for 140 years.

Today we celebrate not only the past, but the living presence of Christ among us now. And we look forward with hope, trusting that the One who began a good work here will carry it on to completion.

Come, let us worship the God of yesterday, today, and forever! Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving!

***OPENING HYMN**

"My Hope is Built"

UMH #368

LITANY OF CELEBRATION FOR 140 YEARS: — *Welcoming the Future We Can Be

God of every generation, we gather with gratitude for 140 years of Congers United Methodist Church.

For all that has been, we give thanks. For all that will be, we open our hearts.

You planted this congregation in 1886, when the world was changing and the future was uncertain.

You taught our ancestors to trust your Spirit and to build a church for days they could not yet see.

For the saints who prayed boldly, served faithfully, and dreamed generously—

MEMORIAL - a moment of silence, remembering the saints who were members of our church, mention their names...)
Violin Solo Interlude by **Lila Villasenor**

We honor their courage and continue their work.

For ministries that shaped lives—Sunday School, choir, youth fellowship, mission outreach, community care—

We celebrate the love that has flowed from this place.

For every baptismal splash, every wedding vow, every funeral prayer, every hymn sung in joy or in sorrow—

You, O God, have held us through every season.

Today we stand on holy ground—140 years of witness, welcome, and worship.

And we stand ready to welcome the future we can be.

Strengthen our hands for the ministries yet to be born.

Shape our hearts for the neighbors we have not yet met.

Forgive us for sins of the past and renew us for sacred work in the future

ALL: Lead us into the next chapter with courage, creativity, and compassion.

For we are welcoming the future we can be—together, with you. Thanks be to God. Amen!

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

CELEBRATION OF 140 YEARS IN DANCE

Praise Dance

Habiebbah Benton

WELCOMING THE FUTURE VISITING WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

CELEBRATION IN SONG

Better Benediction-written by PJ Morton

Erik Lawrence, Saxophonist

PROCLAMATION

140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MOMENT

Jayon Anthony

INTRODUCTION TO THE GUEST SPEAKER

Bishop Johnson

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

DONA NOBIS PACEM

Congers UMC Choral Ensemble

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ephesians 3:16-21

Lisa Dawn Anderson

MESSAGE

“Have I Told You Lately...”

**Rev. Dr. Robert Duncan, Jr
President and Founder,
Northwind Theological Consortia**

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

LET GO, LET GOD

Wynnum Sabile and Lila Villaseñor

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

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:



***RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri”

UMH #70

SENDING

***SENDING SONG**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” (UMH #431, 3X)

Choral Ensemble; Congregation

***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

POSTLUDE (Please be seated)

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Evelyn Jaeger

Scripture Reader: Lisa Dawn Anderson

Music: Jim West

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).

Today

We celebrate the 5th Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which began on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and ends on Holy Saturday, April. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection.

March is Women's History Month. The theme for 2026 theme is **"Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future,"** emphasizes the significant contributions of women in various fields, particularly in creating sustainable solutions to pressing global issues such as climate change, economic inequality, and social justice. It recognizes that women, especially from marginalized communities, are often at the forefront of these efforts, leading initiatives that promote environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

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



- **NO KINGS Rally** Saturday, March 28 at 12pm, Nyack Memorial Park. www.nokings.org.
- **Gospel Jazz Salute to JOHN ANTHONY - Presented by the John Anthony Celebration Foundation. Saturday, April 25 at 4 PM (Congers UMC Education Center)** featuring International concert recording artist, Kay Boyd and friends. Admission: \$50 Adults, \$25 Children & Youth. Contact the office for tickets.



Journey with us this Lent:

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7pm (via Zoom).

Lead by: Rev. Woo Lim Kwak, Rev. Lark McCalman, Bishop Alfred Johnson & Rev. Gabrielle Corbett - "I Love to Tell the Story" A Pilgrimage Towards Racial Justice in The United Methodist Church by Rev. Bonnie J. McCubbin.

Available on Amazon, Kindle version suggested.

Contact the office for zoom link.

Lenten Services at 7pm

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

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 2, at Congers, Pastor Woo Lim, Thiells-Garnerville, preaching
- **Good Friday**, April 3, at Pearl River, Bishop J, preaching

Franchelle Stewart Baker (3/6)

Linda Cantillano (3/22)

Michael Miller (03/10)

Voncile Oliver (3/27)

Chad Salvant (3/7)





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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

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KAY BOYD
AND FRIENDS
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Admission: \$50 Adults, \$25 Children & Youth - Time: 4:00 PM
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