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Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship

March 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Women's History Month



ENTRANCE

Jim West

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kin-dom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH #278

OPENING PRAYER

Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess before God our tendency,
like the Jerusalem crowds,
to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm
and deny our faith in moments of stress.

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Written by Ruth C. Duck in Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship,
Updated, ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 61.

SILENT MEDITATION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER REPONSE

"He Is Lord"

UMH #177 (2X)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

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

WELCOMING FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

PROCLAMATION

*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Hosanna, Hosanna"

TFWS #2109

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Psalm 118: 1-2;19-29
Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

MESSAGE

"Untied"

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

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

Blessing of the Palms

1 O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away;
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Refrain:

**Join, sing His name divine,
Let every voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.**

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation;
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings forth the hope to thee forevermore.

[Refrain]

*SENDING HYMN

"Halle Halle Hallelujah"

TFWS #2026 (3X)

*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

POSTLUDE

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leaders:

Laurie Tacadena and Arielle Rogers

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 6th Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday. 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 info



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026, 10AM, CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION (EASTER) SUNDAY**
- **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 Young people under 18 years old.. Contact the office for tickets.**



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 2, at 7pm at Congers UMC, Pastor Woo Lim, Thiells-Garnerville, preaching
- **Good Friday**, April 3, at 7pm at Pearl River UMC, Bishop J, preaching
- **Easter Sunday**, April 5 at Congers UMC at 10am.

Franchelle Stewart Baker (3/6)

Chad Salvant (3/7)

Michael Miller (03/10)

Linda Cantillano (3/22)

Voncile Oliver (3/27)

