



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

**Sunday Worship**  
**April 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY: Day of Resurrection**  
**Celebration of Holy Communion**



**Bold responses read in unison**

*\*Stand in Body or spirit if possible*

**PRELUDE**

**ENTRANCE**

Jim West

**WELCOME**

Sonya Burnham

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: The grave could not hold Him. Death has lost its sting.**

Leader: Lift every voice and sing

**All: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"*

UMH #302, vs. 1,2,3

**OPENING PRAYER**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

We give you thanks, Holy Author of Life, for raising Jesus from the dead, for making him the first fruits of abundant and eternal life.

Accept our praise as we joyfully claim the Good News, and

welcome your Spirit into our lives once more. May this hour help us make our lives a daily celebration of your love made visible, that we might claim our identity as Easter people not only today, but in every day! **AMEN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER REPOSE**

*Selection of Celebration*

Wynnum Sabile

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING**

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

**PRAISE DANCE**

*"I'll Rise Again"*

Habiebbah Benton

**WELCOMING FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

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## PROCLAMATION

**SONG OF CELEBRATION**

*“Total Praise”*

CongersUMC Ensemble

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 20:1-18

**MESSAGE**

*“Seeing Through the Wrappings”*

**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 Easter Offering Celebrating our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*People to People Food offering*

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:



**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Word and Table III*

UMH #15

## SENDING

**\*SENDING SONGS**

*“Lord I Lift Your name on High”*

*“He Rose”*

*“He Lives”*

*“Halle Halle...”*

TFWS #2088 (2X)  
UMH #316, vss. 1,4  
UMH #310, vs. 1  
TFWS #2026

**BENEDICTION**

Go now in the blessing of God, who meets death with life, hatred with love, and hopeless endings with abundant possibilities, to build a community of life, love, and flourishing as Easter people, followers of the Risen Christ! Amen.

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

**\*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

**POSTLUDE**

# Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leaders: Sonya Burnham

Music: Jim West, Wynnum Sabile

CongersUMC Ensemble

Praise Dance: Habiebbah Benton



Luke Jaeger (4/17)  
Patricia Williams (4/25)

**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.

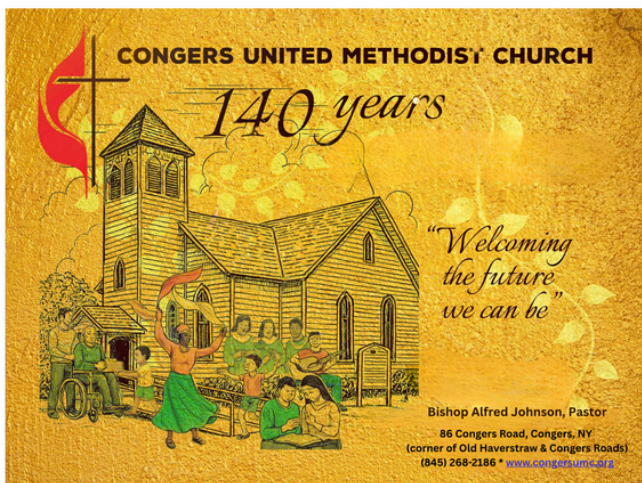
If this is your first or second time with us, please fill in your name, email address, and/or cell number in the **"CongersUMC Connect Card"** in the back of the pew in front of you. Kindly place it in the offering plates or give it to any member. You may also access this form digitally with our "Connect" 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 Easter Sunday.



You are invited to bring a special Easter offering celebrating our 140th Anniversary, if able, \$140.00. If not this Sunday, anytime this year.

## 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



- Trustees meeting, Saturday, April 11 at 9am.

*Gospel Jazz Salute to*  
**JOHN ANTHONY**  
PRESENTED BY THE JOHN ANTHONY CELEBRATION FOUNDATION

FEATURING  
INTERNATIONAL CONCERT  
RECORDING ARTIST  
**KAY BOYD AND FRIENDS**

GUEST MUSICIANS  
Dinah Vero (Piano) - Clyde Bullard (Bass)  
Dean Saghafi (Sax) - Greg Barrett (Drums)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026**

DOORS OPEN 3:30PM  
CONCERT BEGINS 4:00PM SHARP  
ADMISSION: \$50 ADULTS \$25 YOUNG ADULTS

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