



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship
April 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season



Bold responses read in unison

*Stand in Body or spirit if possible

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

“On the Way, He Meets Us”

Leader: We come as travelers on a long road.

People: **Christ meets us on the way.**

Leader: We come with questions, confusion, and stories that ache.

People: **Christ listens on the way.**

Leader: We come seeking meaning, direction, and hope.

People: **Christ reveals Himself on the way.**

All: **Open our eyes, Lord. Make Yourself known. Set our hearts on fire.**

***OPENING HYMN**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

TFWS #2173

OPENING PRAYER

O risen Christ, On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion.

Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, engender our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories.

Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word.

May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it.

May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. **Amen.**

Adapted from Resources for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Throughout the Year (2010), jointly prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. Posted on the [World Council of Churches](http://WorldCouncilofChurches) website. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/opening-prayer-luke-2413-32.html>.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way,

we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance.

We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us.

Yet, sometimes we would cling to you,

hoard the blessings of relationship with you,

and not share your love with others.

Forgive us, Dear One.

Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world.

Press us to share the hope and joy of your love,

so that someone who hungers for spiritual food

may be filled by our witness to your grace.

Shine the light of your Spirit through us,

so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace

and help to revive those in whom hope has died.

Amen.

Written by Rev. Renee C. Jackson and posted on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ) website at https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter_3_april_26/.

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SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER REPONSE

Nick Orange

ASSURANCE OF GRACE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

Merciful and loving God, we thank you for never losing hope for us. When we are lost, you are there on the road and looking out for us, bringing us back to you, like the good shepherd that you are. Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us. May this joy flow into our lives each day, and be faithfully reflected into the world around us. Thank you for finding us and always forgiving us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd. 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-lost-and-found.html>.

*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**

“He Lives”

UMH #310, vss. 1,3

***SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Luke 24:13-18 (19-35)

MESSAGE

“He Lives...On the Road”

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

***SENDING SONG**

“I Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

TFWS#2088

BENEDICTION

Go now in the courage and blessing of the Risen Christ to live as bearers of the astounding good news to bring hope and peace in a world that so desperately needs Resurrection. Amen.

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

***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

Bishop J

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: *Laurie Tacadena*

Music: *Jim West*

Scripture Readers:

Laurie Tacadena & Arielle Rogers

Facebook Live Manager: *Roberto Villasenor*



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 worship the **4th Sunday of the Easter Season**, celebrating the Day of Resurrection. This season is a 50-day celebration from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, Sunday May 24, 2026, focusing on Christ's resurrection, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the renewal of Christian life. Bishop J will preach a sermon series entitled: *“He Lives...”*

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

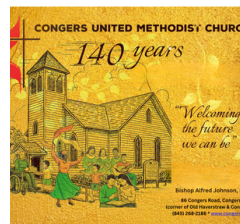
- If you didn't bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francis Reid, coordinator, for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Community Bridge Day** – Sunday, May 3rd, after Worship Services. Join us as we go out into the community to share our faith, family and fellowship with our neighbors.



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