



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor



*Stand in Body or spirit if possible

Sunday Worship

May 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season

Bold responses read in unison

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am your Shepherd, the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am your Shepherd, the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am your Shepherd, the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am your Shepherd, the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

*OPENING HYMN

"Guide My Feet"

TFWS #2208

OPENING PRAYER

Good Shepherd, You gather us in from busy streets and scattered lives.

You call us to green pastures of grace and restore what the world has worn down.

Lead us today. Guide our thoughts, steady our hearts, and open our spirits to Your presence.

Walk with us through every valley, fill us with Your courage, and teach us to follow You in love and justice. We are Yours, Shepherd of our lives. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Risen Christ, You call us to Your fire, You feed us with grace, and You ask us, "Do you love me?"

People: Lord, You know we love You. But we confess that we have not lived as Your shepherds.

Leader: You send us to find the lost, but we stay where it is safe.

You send us to feed Your sheep, but we choose comfort over compassion.

You send us to tend Your lambs, but we turn away from those who are hurting.

People: Forgive us, Jesus. Forgive our hesitation, our excuses, our silence, our fear.

Leader: Restore us as You restored Peter. Heal our shame, ignite our courage, and lead us back into Your mission.

All: By Your mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ, forgive us, make us shepherds again—people who seek the lost, feed the hungry, protect the vulnerable, and follow You wherever You lead. Amen.

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SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

Jackie De Souza

***SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

John 21:10-19

Shakia Bullock and Khariye Hayes Bullock

MESSAGE

“What’s Sheep Got to do With It”

**Rev. Gina Yeske,
Conference Bridges Consultant**

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**

“Blessed Assurance”

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BENEDICTION

***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

Rev. Yeske

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: *Shantelle Williams Johnson*

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Gina Yeske*

Music: *Jim West*

Scripture Reader:

Shakia Bullock and Khariye Hayes Bullock

Facebook Live Manager: *Roberto Villasenor*



Estelle Vasquez (5/5)

Laurie Tacadena (5/17)

Shantelle Williams Johnson (5/17)

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 **5th 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

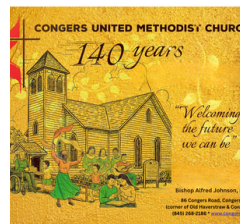
- If you didn’t bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francis Reid, coordinator, for more information.



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.