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Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

*Happy
Mother's
Day*



Sunday Worship

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

Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season

Happy Mother's Day: Festival of the Christian Home

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month

Bold responses read in unison

*Stand in Body or spirit if possible

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Jim West

WELCOME

Frances Reid, Worship Leader

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, beloved community, and lift your hearts in gratitude.

Today we gather to worship the God who created us, nurtures us, and calls us His own.

People: We come to honor the One whose love is deeper than the oceans, whose care is more tender than we can imagine.

Leader: On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for the women who have shaped our lives—those who have shown us the love of God in word and deed.

People: We remember their faithfulness, their sacrifices, and their prayers.

Leader: As a mother comforts her child, so our God comforts us.

People: We rejoice in God's unfailing love and mercy.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with gladness, for He is the source of every good gift.

All: With grateful hearts, we lift our voices in praise! Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140, vs. 1,3

OPENING PRAYER - A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Leader: On this day of celebrating mothers,

We remember and lift up our mothers to the Lord.

Mothers of young children, first-time mothers,

Working mothers, and single mothers

People of God: We see you and honor you today.

Leader: Grieving mothers who have lost a child too soon,

And those who desire to be mothers

People of God: We see you and honor you today.

Leader: All those who are missing their mothers,

And mothers who are missing their children

People of God: We see you and honor you today.

Leader: Mothers who did not give birth to us biologically,

But have raised us and brought life to us in countless other ways

People of God: We see you and honor you today.

Leader: In times of full joy and abundance,

In times of empty nests and empty cradles,

In all these God tends his flock like a shepherd

And carries the lambs close to his heart.

People of God: As a mother comforts her child, so will God comfort us. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God,

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for the gift of mothers — for their love, their sacrifices, and their steadfast care. Yet we also confess that we have not always honored them as You have commanded.

We confess the times we have taken their love for granted,
the moments we have been slow to listen and quick to speak,
the seasons when we have withheld forgiveness or failed to offer encouragement.

We acknowledge that some among us carry wounds from broken relationships,
and that our words or actions may have deepened those hurts.
Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have fallen short in showing compassion, patience, and respect — not only to our mothers, but to all who have nurtured us in faith and life.

Renew in us a spirit of gratitude. Teach us to honor those who have cared for us,
to extend grace where there has been pain, and to reflect Your love in our families and communities. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who shows us the perfect love of our Heavenly Parent. Amen.

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

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

Nick Orange

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 1:8-16; 2:1-10

Jennifer Julmis

MESSAGE

"Midwives of the River"

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:



CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Word and Table III

UMH#15

SENDING

*SENDING SONG

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMC#133

BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Frances Reid

Music: Jim West

Scripture Reader: Jennifer Julmis



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 **6th 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.

We celebrate **Mother's Day and Festival of the Christian Home**

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

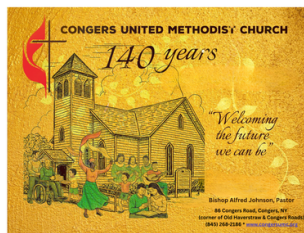
- If you didn't bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francis Reid, coordinator, for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- **May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.** AAPI Heritage Month . It recognizes the cultural, historical, and societal contributions of people with ancestry from Asia and the Pacific Islands. The month-long observance includes festivals, educational programs, cultural performances, and community events across the United States
- **Sunday, May 17 – Tuesday May 19, 2026. Our Conference, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference) (GNJ) will meet at the Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ.** Bishop J and Shantelle Williams Johnson, as your Lay Member to the Annual Conference.
- **Dr. Rondee Gaines Hall**, will be our guest Sunday for May 17
- **One Board** will meet **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 6pm**



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