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Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

**Sunday Worship**

**May 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season**

**Asian American and Pacific Islander**

**(AAPI) Heritage Month**



*So That They May Be One*

**Bold responses read in unison**

*\*Stand in Body or spirit if possible*

**ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE**

**Judy Gorman**

**WELCOME**

**Worship Leader, Carole Anderson**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

**Through Christ, we are made one with God.**

In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

**Through Christ, we are made one in God.**

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

**Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.**

So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"We Are One in the Spirit"*

TFWS#2223

**OPENING PRAYER - PRAYER FOR UNITY**

God of all creation, who called every being into life, who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity, who embodies us with dignity, granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world, we ask for your Spirit to unite us where we face lack of understanding and disunity in our churches, in our communities, in our countries. And in silence, we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

*(Silence)*

We ask for your Spirit to unite us in the face of the conflicts, hatred, and violation of life experienced in so many regions of the earth and, in silence, we bring to you the pain of the victims.

*(Silence)*

We ask for your Spirit to unite us wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbour, from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures, and faith communities with respect, and, in silence, we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

*(Silence)*

God of all creation, in Christ we are reconciled, and so we ask for your forgiving and uniting Spirit to help us to overcome all our divisions that we may live in peace.

Posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website, <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>.  
Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/09/prayer-for-unity-amidst-diversity.html>

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*"Jesus, We Are Here"*

TFWS#2273

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## 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	<i>“Falling in Love With Jesus”</i>	Jackie DeSouza
*SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 17:1-11	Lisa Anderson
MESSAGE	<i>“We Are One”</i>	Dr. Rondee Gaines Hall

### 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>“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”</i>	TFWS#2129
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### BENEDICTION

Beloved, go now in the blessing of the Triune God to live as diverse members of the one body of Christ, choosing unity over division, cooperation over conformity, and collaboration over exclusion as we work together for the flourishing of all creation. Amen.

### \*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

### POSTLUDE

Judy Gorman

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

# Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Rondee Gaines Hall**

Worship Leader: **Carole Anderson**

Music: **Judy Gorman**

Scripture Reader: **Lisa Anderson**



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 **7th 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

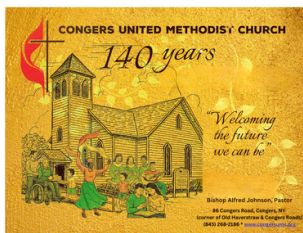
- If you didn't bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francis Reid, coordinator, for more information.



### 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.
- **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.**