



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship

May 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Asian American and Pacific Islander

(AAPI) Heritage Month

Memorial Day Weekend

Mental Health Awareness Month



Bold responses read in unison

*Stand in Body or spirit if possible

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Laurie Tacadena

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

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

***OPENING HYMN**

"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

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OPENING PRAYER

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth. Amen.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good."
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SILENT MEDITATION (today, in addition to reflecting on our needs for forgiveness, let us lift up the names of those who have both died serving our country in the military, as well as those, family members, friends and others who have served in the military and have gone home to rest with God.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

“There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit...”

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BJ 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

those present and those on Facebook Live

GUEST PRESENTATION: Mental Health Awareness Month, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Rockland County

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PROCLAMATION

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

“Shine Jesus Shine”

TFWS 2173

Remain standing for the reading of scripture.

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Joel 2:28-32
Acts 2:1-21

Estelle Vasquez
Bishop J

BJ MESSAGE

Bishop J

RESPONSE

BJ INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

BJ 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**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

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BENEDICTION

Family of God, go now in the blessing of the Spirit who inspires you to seek God’s truth, empowers you to share God’s love with empathy and compassion, and emboldens you to live in the freedom of the Spirit who binds us to God and one another that we may be truly free. Amen.

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***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Laurie Tacadena
Scripture Reader: Estelle Vasquez
Music: Jim West



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 celebrate Pentecost Sunday.

It occurs on the 50th day after Easter, paralleling the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which falls 50 days after Passover. In the New Testament, Acts 2 describes the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit through a powerful wind and tongues of fire, enabling them to speak in multiple languages. Over 3,000 people were baptized that day, marking the formation of the first Christian church

May is Mental Illness Awareness Month.

We pray and support those family members who experience this concern. We welcome a guest speaker who will address this need for our awareness.

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
- **One Board** will meet **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 6pm**