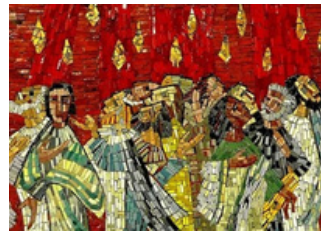
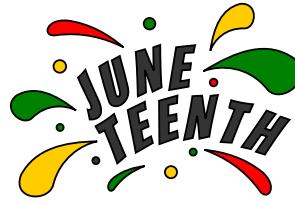




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Sunday Worship
June 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day: Festival of the Christian Home
Juneteenth Weekend

Bold responses read in unison

*Stand in body or spirit

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Judy Gorman

WELCOME

Carole Anderson, Worship Leader

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to God who nurtures us as our Heavenly Father.

People: **Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.**

Leader: We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.

ALL: **We Come to God who journeys with us, loves us anyway. Come, praise our loving, covering God! AMEN!**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Faith of our Fathers"

UMH#710

A Father's Day Litany

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, source of life and salvation, covenant-maker and heavenly king, we thank you for human fathers, who, at their best, are a model of who you are to your people, a source of love, care, protection, and instruction.

Abba, we praise you.

We thank you for the fathers who have taught us who you are, who love unconditionally and fiercely, who always look for our return, and rejoice to see us, no matter how far away we have been.

Abba, we praise you.

We praise you for the fathers among us, who are striving to live up to the calling of fatherhood. Give them patience, wisdom, gentleness, courage, and strength to faithfully lead their children in the way of Jesus.

Abba, we praise you.

We ask for courage and wisdom to navigate the complicated path that sin and hurt have set before us in our relationships, where fathers and children have been divided, and where hurt still lingers or even still threatens.

Abba, we ask for help.

We mourn today for the fathers lost to death, whose voices we long for and whose chair now sits empty. *(you are invited to lift names of those fathers or those who have been a father to you, who have passed...)*

Abba, we ask for comfort.

We mourn for the relationships shattered and not yet repaired,
estranged and unreconciled.
We mourn for fatherhood unrealized, for those who yearned to be fathers,
but did not receive this gift.

Abba, we ask for comfort.

**Father, we thank you for adopting us and calling us your own.
We thank you for all who have been fathers, though not by blood.
May we all live so that no one among us is fatherless,
but that all are welcomed to the glory of your name.**

We pray now in the way your Son taught us. **“Our Father”...AMEN.**

– The Pastor's Workshop

SILENT MEDITATION

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 CELEBRATION

“Worthy”

Jackie De Souza

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Micah 6:6-8

Lisa Dawn Anderson

MESSAGE

“If I Only Had a Heart: Leading Courageously”

Bishop J

Selected Verses from Acts 16

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:



A CELEBRATION OF HEALING (Preparation: “Jesus We Are Here” TFWS #2273)

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH #369

***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

POSTLUDE

Judy Gorman

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Carole Anderson
Scripture Reader: Lisa Dawn Anderson
Song of Celebration: Jackie De Souza
Music: Judy Gorman



Roberto Villasenor (6/1)
Sharon Gill (6/3)
Evan Sessoms (6/29)
Carole Anderson (6/30)

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 the **4th Sunday after Pentecost**, when the Holy Spirit came with sound and tongues of fire to empower the disciples and the church to continue the work of Jesus to unfold and evolve God's Kingdom.

June is “Pride Month” an annual celebration that recognizes the contributions and struggles of the LGBTQ+ community. It is a time to promote acceptance, diversity, and human rights, while celebrating the resilience and unity of LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies



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

TODAY

- **Join us for a birthday cake celebration following services.**



SPECIAL FUTURE PROJECTS:

- **Saturday, June 27, 11am – 1pm, Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds a Health Fair**, sponsored by Dr. Duane Bryan, Cardiologist, Montefiore Hospital and the Rockland County Alphas, CongersUMC Ed. Bldg, All members and community invited.
- **Saturday, July 25, All Church Retreat**
- **Saturday, August 20, 2026, 11am – 4pm, East Harlem, NY, Dr. Stacy May's Ymannas Helping Hands 5th Annual Health and Wellness** ministry for the Unsheltered. Volunteers and donations will be welcomed.
- ***Sunday September 13, 2026, 4pm: Shantelle Williams Johnson and Friends in Concert: Special Fundraiser for CongersUMC Accessibility projects.**
- ***Saturday October 10, 2026, 4pm, John Anthony Celebration Committee is proud to announce the kickoff concert for The John and Naomi Anthony Music Foundation.** This foundation is dedicated to providing and assisting young musicians as they seek musical instruction at the many prestigious music schools in Rockland County and New York City. The concert will feature talent from the Metropolitan area many of whom worked with and loved John and Naomi Anthony.

*Flyers of these events are available in the sanctuary.