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Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship

June 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Bold responses read in unison

*Stand in body or spirit

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Jim West

WELCOME

Laurie Tacadena

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Children of God: Welcome!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are and Who we can become in Christ! In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God! AMEN!

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission."-adpt-aj

***OPENING HYMN**

"Halle Halle Halleluia" (2x-Jim West alone-1x)

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OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love.

Transform our hearts, that we may love generously.

Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace.

Transform our hands, that we may serve others.

Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ,

gathered to worship and sent out to serve. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader:

Holy and merciful God, You call us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, but we confess that we hold parts of ourselves back.

People:

Renew our minds, O God. Transform our lives.

Leader:

We conform to the patterns of this world—its hurry, its fear, its self-protection— instead of opening ourselves to Your Spirit's renewing work.

People:

Renew our minds, O God. Transform our lives.

Leader:

Where our habits are rigid, soften us. Where our hearts are closed, open us.

Where our vision is small, enlarge us.

People:

Make us holy and pleasing in Your sight. Amen.

Silence

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GRACE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you. God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen. 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

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PROCLAMATION

INTRODUCTION TO THE GUEST MESSENGER

Rondee Gaines Hall

SONG OF CELEBRATION

Nick Orange

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ezekiel 36:22-27

MESSAGE *“Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind: It Takes Practice (Faith)”*
(Romans 12:1-3)
Rev. Stephanie C. Barnes

RESPONSE

SILENT MEDITATION AND REFLECTION ON GOD’S CALL TO YOU

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

Heavenly Lord, we pray Your blessings over every giver today. As they sow faithfully into Your kingdom, pour out abundance in their lives. Meet their needs and let their households overflow with peace, provision, and joy. May their faith in You grow stronger through giving. Thank You for rewarding cheerful hearts with blessings beyond measure. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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Or, use our QR code by pointing the camera on your cell phone to this image:



***OFFERTORY:**

“All Things Come of Thee” UMH #588

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

“This Little Light of Mine”

UMH# 585

***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

Rev. Barnes

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Jim West

Dr. Stephanie Christine Barnes

Rev Stephanie Christine Barnes is a native New Yorker, a devoted mother of four children and a proud grandmother of nine. From a young age, she developed a deep love for the Lord, regularly attending youth revivals that nurtured her spiritual foundation.



In the 1980s, she lived in Denver, Colorado, where she became actively involved in strong charismatic ministries and teachings, including those of Marilyn Hickey, Andrew Wommack, John Hagee, and Kenneth Copeland.

After returning to New York, Stephanie faithfully served in several ministries as a youth leader, liturgical dancer, and choreographer until she was called to transition in a new direction.

She built an accomplished professional career, working with William M. Mercer, BlackRock, and Deloitte in Washington, D.C., where she served as a C-suite executive administrator and collaborated closely with members of the United States Cabinet. Her final corporate role was as Executive Assistant to the President of the Girl Scouts.

Currently, Stephanie is the founder of PYNK Armour LLC, a transformative coaching business rooted in Romans 12:2, “Preparing Your New Kingdom.”

She holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Argosy University and a Master of Divinity from New York Theological Seminary. Stephanie was ordained in April 2022 and is ACPE-certified as an associate chaplain. She serves at St. Luke Baptist Church in Harlem under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Shawn Hilliard, faithfully going wherever God leads her.

Currently, she is a Doctoral Candidate in Urban Religion at the Northwind Theological Seminary, studying with Bishop Johnson.

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Laurie Tacadena
Scripture Reader/Guest Preacher:
Rev. Stephanie C. Barnes
Song of Celebration: Nick Orange
Music: Judy Gorman & Jim West



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 **5th 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

SPECIAL FUTURE PROJECTS:

- Saturday, July 25, All Church Retreat
- Saturday, August 22, 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.



5th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday August 22, 2026,
@9AM TO 5PM!
3rd Ave between 127th &
128th Streets, Harlem, NY
More info: Contact
Dr. Stacey May

ON MY JOURNEY NOW: FROM CHURCH TO HOME SHANTELE WILLIAMS JOHNSON & FRIENDS

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Justice, and Soul



SHANTELE WILLIAMS JOHNSON	JOE HAM	CLYDE BULLARD	DINAH VERO	ERIC LANE
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SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



4-6 PM

Tickets: \$50 adults, \$25 students/youth & children under 12 are free. To sponsor or purchase tickets, go to <https://on-my-journey-now-39605.cheddarup.com> or use the QR code here----->



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JOHN ANTHONY CELEBRATORY MUSIC

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Music Foundation
Kickoff Concert

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Location:

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For Information, contact Jayon Anthony at crayolamae@gmail.com.