



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship
July 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



ENTRANCE



*Stand in body or spirit
Bold responses read in unison

Jim West

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Laurie Tacadena, Worship Leader

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2026.

*OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH #77, vss. 1,2,4

OPENING PRAYER

God, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family—sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What amazing love You have shown toward us! And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—our praise and prayers and offerings—through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honour and glory to Your Name. **Amen.**

Posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/opening-prayer-romans-826-34.html>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of all things, who rejoiced in your creation at the beginning of the world; forgive us our sins of greed, selfishness, and carelessness by which we daily damage the beauty to which we have become insensitive. By war and violence, we destroy families and their means of livelihood. We cut down great forests that are the homes of people, animals, and birds. We ill-treat our farm animals in the race to outstrip our rivals in food production, yet still leave millions of people starving. We pollute our air and water with the excess of our greed, without thought for the disposal of what we waste. For all this, we ask not only forgiveness, but also the power to turn away from our headlong course of destruction, and instead to share in your constant work of creation in preparation for the time when our kingdom comes to earth as it is in heaven. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who became part of your creation and gave his life for the whole world.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"In the Garden"

UMH #314, vss. 1,2

ASSURANCE OF GRACE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

WELCOMING FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Children may be dismissed for Children's Sunday School

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH #191

PROCLAMATION

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Romans 8:26-39

SONG OF PREPARATION

Nick Orange

MESSAGE

“The In Between God”

Bishop J

RESPONSE

SILENT MEDIATION AND 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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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:



RATORY

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH #374, vss. 1,4

***SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

POSTLUDE

Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Laurie Tacadena

Song of Preparation: Nick Orange

Music: Jim West



Henry Samuel (7/3)

Jennifer Julmis (7/4)

Sonya Burnham (7/15)

Camille Cascia (7/30)

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 **9th 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.

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:

- **Today starting at 1pm, Sound and Music at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockland, Pomona, NY. Sound bath with Lorin Oneal at 1pm and the Main St. Singers Annual UUCR Benefit Concert conducted by Judy Gorman at 2pm.**
- **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.**

*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