



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor



Sunday Worship

August 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Holy Communion

*Stand in body or spirit
Bold responses read in unison

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Jim West

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Linda Cantillano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the river, the threshold where Jacob wrestled and was renamed. Come to the shoreline, where Jesus took what little the disciples had and made it overflow.

People: We come bringing what we have—our fears, our hopes, our hunger, our longing.

Leader: Bring your whole self to the river of God's grace. Bring your wounds, your questions, your gifts, your loaves and fishes.

People: We come trusting that God meets us at the water with abundance, blessing, and new identity.

Leader: The river is flowing. The table is set. The Spirit is moving.

All: Let us worship the God who invites us to "Bring it...to the River. Amen"

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

UMH # 64

OPENING PRAYER

God of rivers and shorelines, You meet us in the crossing places— in the Jabbok's darkness and Galilee's open fields, in the moments when we feel empty and the moments when we dare to hope. As we gather today, take what we bring—our strength and our struggle, our faith and our fear, our loaves and our limp— and breathe your Spirit upon it. Rename us. Renew us. Multiply your grace among us until all are fed, all are welcomed, and all are transformed by your abundant love. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, We confess that we often come to the river holding back. We bring our worries but not our trust, our hunger but not our hope, our gifts but not our courage. We wrestle with you in the night and pretend we are self-sufficient. We stand on the shoreline and tell you that five loaves and two fish could never be enough.

Forgive us. Meet us at the river. Meet us in our wrestling. Multiply what we offer. Fill us with your grace until our lives overflow with compassion, justice, and joy. AMEN.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Let it Breathe on Me"

UMH #503

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

Genesis 32:22-30
Matthew 14:13-21

Shakia Bullock and Khariye Bullock Hayes
Bishop J

SONG OF PREPARATION

Down To The River To Pray

CongersUMC Ensemble

MESSAGE

"Bring It..To the River"

Bishop J

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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

Compassion Offering for Ymannas 5th Anniversary Celebration
People to People Food Ministry

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:



OFFERTORY

“Love Divine All Love Excelling”

UMH #384, vs. 1

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (back page)

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

UMH #618

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

TFWS # 2151

*SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

God of blessing and abundance, you have met us at your table as surely as you met the crowds on the shoreline. You have taken what we brought and made it more than enough. Send us now to the rivers and shorelines of our world to bring what we have, to trust what you will do, and to share your love with all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Jim West



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



ROOTED IN - Prayer

A 21-DAY PRAYER JOURNAL

**"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there
am I among them." -MATTHEW 18:20**

**PREPARED FOR THE CONGREGATION OF
CONGERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

REV. DR. STACEY MAY

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

A Concert with a
Cause: A Musical
Testimony of Faith,
Justice, and Soul



**SHANTELE
WILLIAMS
JOHNSON**
VOCALS

**WYNNUM
SABILE**
GUITAR

**JOE
HAM**
DRUMS

**CLYDE
BULLARD**
BASS

**DINAH
VERO**
PIANO

**ERIC
LANE**
SAXOPHONE

Your support will help us meet critical accessibility
and reasonable accommodation needs—
because everyone deserves a place to belong.

 **SUNDAY**
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

 Congers United Methodist
Church, Education
Building, 86 Congers Road,
Congers, NY 10920

 **4-6 PM**

Sponsorship Levels from \$50 to \$1,000.
Tickets: \$50 adults, \$25 students/youth & children under 12 are free.
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Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Linda Cantillano

Scripture Readers:

Shakia Bullock and Khariye Bullock Hayes

Song of Preparation: CongersUMC Ensemble

Facebook Coordinator: Cheery Villaseñor

Music: Jim West



Lisa Anderson - 8/1

James Reid - 8/3

Aaron Edwards - 8/16

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 **10th 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:

- **Next Sunday, August 9, 2026, 10am, Special Educational Gift Presentations.** 3 young people and their families will receive financial gifts from our church. Additional Special guests, such as the chair and members of the Board of Rockland Community College will be here to celebrate with us. Please plan to be present, invite your friends and families to join us. For more information contact Carole Anderson and Les St. Louis
- **Saturday, August 22, 2026, 11am – 4pm, East Harlem, NY, Dr. Stacy May's Ymnnas Helping Hands 5th Annual Health and Wellness** ministry for the Unsheltered. Volunteers and donations will be welcomed.
- **Sunday, August 30, following worship, we will have a CongersUMC “Town Meeting”**, plan to stay and participate in receiving information and planning for the rest of this 2026 year
- ***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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Leader: At the river Jacob was renamed. Across the water Jesus arrived in a deserted place and fed thousands with what the disciples brought. At this table, Christ meets us again— taking what we bring, blessing it, breaking it, and transforming it into grace overflowing. Come. Bring what you have. Bring who you are. Bring it...to the table of God.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator of rivers and seas, who meets your people in the crossing places. You wrestled with Jacob until dawn and blessed him with a new name.

You crossed the water with Jesus into a deserted place where compassion overflowed. You took the disciples' small offering and made it more than enough. You call us to bring what we have so you may show us what only you can do. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night before he crossed from death to life, Jesus gathered his friends at a table. He took bread—ordinary, simple, small— like the loaves offered on Galilee's shore— and after giving thanks, he broke it and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you." Then he took the cup—common, shared, overflowing— like the compassion that flowed from him when he stepped out of the boat— and said: "This is my covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be the body of Christ for the world— wrestling for justice, feeding the hungry, crossing boundaries, and overflowing with grace. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until the river of life runs through all creation and every deserted place becomes a place of abundance. **Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Leader: Come to the river. Come to the shore. Come to the table. Come and be fed with the abundance of God.

