



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship

August 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



ENTRANCE

*Stand in body or spirit
Bold responses read in unison

Jim West

Worship Leader, Frances Reid

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, lift up your hearts! The One who walks upon the waters comes among us with power and with peace.

People: We praise the Christ who rules over wind and wave, whose glory shines even in the darkest storm.

Leader: When the night is long and the boat feels small, Jesus draws near — radiant, steady, and strong.

People: We praise the One whose presence transforms our fear, whose voice speaks courage into our trembling souls.

Leader: When our steps falter and we begin to sink, Christ's hand reaches out with saving love.

People: We praise the Son of God, the One who lifts us up, restores our hope, and stills our storms.

Let us worship with joy, with awe, and with thanksgiving, for Jesus is worthy of all our tongues of praise. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

UMH #57, vss. 1,2,5

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Lord, if it's you, we need to hear from you.

When we are alone, When we go away to pray, When we have little faith, When we are battered by the waves. When the wind is against us, When we get in the boat, When we're terrified by our ghosts, When we seek you on the mountain, When we cry out in fear, When we start walking on water, When we begin to sink, When we are far from land.

Lord, if it's you,

Speak to us, calm our fears, calm our storms, strengthen our resolve, walk to us, reach out your hand and catch us quiet the wind around us, call to us, save us, remind us who you are, and whose we are, and in the name of Jesus, forgive us when we forget that truly, you are the Son of God"

(Tony Peterson, The Africana Worship Book: Year A, Discipleship Resources, 2006, p. 91. adp-aj)

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH #496

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

CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION

Song of Preparation

Jackie DeSouza

Presenters:

Carole Anderson
Les St. Louis
Aaron Edwards

Awardees:

Jaeden Rollins
Victoria Oliver
Nick Orange

PROCLAMATION

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Wade in The Water”

Jayon Anthony, Shantelle Williams Johnson

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33

MESSAGE

“How Goes it With Your Boat?”

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:



***OFFERATORY RESPONSE**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140, vs. 1

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS #2129

***SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

Bishop J

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Jim West

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Frances Reid

Music: Jim West

Presenters: Carole Anderson, Les St. Louis, Aaron Edwards

Song of Celebration: Jackie De Souza

Song of Preparation:

Jayon Anthony, Shantelle Williams Johnson

Facebook Coordinator: Roger Edwards



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 **11th 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.



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

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, August 22, 2026, 11am – 4pm, East Harlem, NY, Dr. Stacy May's Ymnas 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.



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WYNNUM SABILE GUITAR
JOE HAM DRUMS
CLYDE BULLARD BASS
DINAH VERO LANE 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

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