



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship

August 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



ENTRANCE



*Stand in body or spirit
Bold responses read in unison

PRELUDE

Musician, Judy Gorman

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Carole Anderson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved of God, come into this space with open hearts.

People: We gather to remember that love is not merely a feeling but a calling.

Leader: Jesus invites us beyond comfort, beyond convenience, beyond reciprocity — into a love that stretches, heals, and transforms.

ALL: Come, people of the Living God: Let us worship the One who teaches us to love our neighbors, and yes, even our enemies, so that we may become children of our Father in heaven. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

“Lord Speak to Me”

UMH #463, vss. 1-4

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and Gracious God, You are love’s source, love’s teacher, and love’s power. As we enter this time of worship, soften what has grown rigid in us, and strengthen what has grown weary. Open our minds to Your wisdom, our spirits to Your presence, and our lives to Your call. Shape us into people who reflect Your generous heart — people who bless, who forgive, who serve, and who dare to love in ways that reveal Your kingdom. In Christ’s name we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We confess that we have not always loved as You command. We have loved those who love us back, but withheld compassion from those who trouble us. We have nurtured grudges, justified resentment, and chosen comfort over courage. Forgive us for the smallness of our love and the narrowness of our mercy. Renew our hearts by Your Spirit so that we may love as Jesus loves — freely, boldly, and without fear. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Lead Me Lord”

UMH #473

ASSURANCE OF GRACE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

Our Bible teaches us in (1 TIMOTHY 1:15) that “The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” and likewise: in I John 1:19, “If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!” Share this with your neighbors

WELCOMING FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Children may be dismissed for Children’s Sunday School

“Jesus Loves Me”

UMH #191

PROCLAMATION

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” UMH #462, vss. 1,2,4

Jayon Anthony, Leading

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mathew 5:43-48

Lisa Dawn Anderson

MESSAGE

“Showing Love”

Evelyn Jaegar

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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

People to People Food Ministry

Prayer of Consecration

Gracious Lord, give us generous hearts that reflect Your love. Help us to give freely, joyfully, and abundantly to Your work. Remove every trace of fear or selfishness and replace it with trust in Your provision. May our generosity bless others and glorify Your holy name. Use our offering to build lives, strengthen the church, and advance Your kingdom. We give with an open heart, in Jesus’ name, **Amen.**

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go to <https://www.givelify.com> designate Congers UMC.

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OFFERTORY

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

UMH #467

EvJ *SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

Go forth as people shaped by the love of Christ. Go forth as those who have heard the call to love not only friends, but strangers, challengers, and even enemies. Go forth strengthened by the Spirit to show a love that stretches, a mercy that surprises, and a generosity that reflects the heart of God.

And as we gather at the table — the table of fellowship, the table of nourishment, the table where love becomes tangible — may God bless the food before us, the hands that prepared it, and the community that shares it.

May this meal be a sign of God’s abundant grace, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a reminder that love is meant to be lived, passed from person to person, and carried into the world.

Go in peace, go in courage, go in love. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Lay Speaker: Evelyn Jaeger

Worship Leader: Carole Anderson

Scripture Reader: Lisa Dawn Anderson

Song of Preparation: Jayon Anthony

Facebook Coordinator: Cheery Villaseñor

Music: Judy Gorman



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 **12th 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:

- Thursday August 20, 7PM, Edward Hooper House, 82 North Broadway, Nyack, NY 10960
"MASTER OF THE STAGE: A Musical Homage to John D. Anthony" by Jayon Anthony.
- 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.

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 4-6 PM
Congers United Methodist Church, Education Building, 86 Congers Road, Congers, NY 10920

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