



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

## Sunday Worship

August 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
Fouteenth Sunday after Pentecost



\*Stand in body or spirit

**Bold** responses read in unison

Jim West

## ENTRANCE

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

**God, help us accept your call on our lives.**

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

**God, help us accept your call on our lives.**

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

**God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

### \*OPENING HYMN

*"Morning Has Broken"*

UMH #145

### OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, You are the One who sees, the One who hears, the One who knows our suffering. As You called Moses from the burning bush, call us now. Awaken our eyes, steady our hearts, and make this moment holy ground. Speak, Lord—Your servants are listening. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for hearts to pay attention to the cries of our neighbor and to resonate with your Spirit. Silence us, instruct us, forgive us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

### SILENT MEDITATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

*"Lead Me, Lord"*

UMH #473

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS, GRACE AND HEALING

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a child opens to the gift of forgiveness. God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! **Amen.**

Adapted from Allen P. Happ and David B. Bowman in Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated, eds. Ruth C. Duck and Maren Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 118 and 124.

*Offer each other the gift of forgiveness by saying: "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!"*

### 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**

*“Go Down Moses”*

Nick Orange

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Exodus 3:1-5

Lisa Dawn Anderson

**MESSAGE**

*“ Woke!”*

**Bishop J**

## RESPONSE

**SILENT MEDITATION AND INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**SONG OF MEDITATION**

*“What Wondrous Love is This”*

Jayon Anthony/Shantelle Williams Johnson

**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 OFFERING**

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**

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

UMH # 102, vs. 1

## SENDING

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*“ I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

TFWS #2129

**\*SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

# Thank you Today's Worship Team:

**Scripture Reader:** Lisa Dawn Anderson  
**Special Music:** Nick Orange, Jayon Anthony,  
Shantelle Williams Johnson  
**Facebook Coordinator:** Cheery Villaseñor  
**Music:** Jim West



Lisa Anderson (8/1)  
James Reid (8/3)  
Aaron Edwards (8/16)  
Wynnum Sabile (9/1)  
Walter Reed (9/4)  
Frances Reid (9/9)

**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 **14<sup>th</sup> 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 to make disciples of Jesus Christ who will “**Love Boldly, Serve Joyously and Lead Courageously for the Transformation of the World**”

## 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, 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. \*Tickets are available. Contact Frances Reid or Shantelle Williams Johnson asap!
- Sunday, October 18, following worship, **Charge Conference**



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



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| VOCALS                    | GUITAR        | DRUMS   | BASS          | PIANO      | SAXOPHONE |

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**SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

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

**4-6 PM**

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