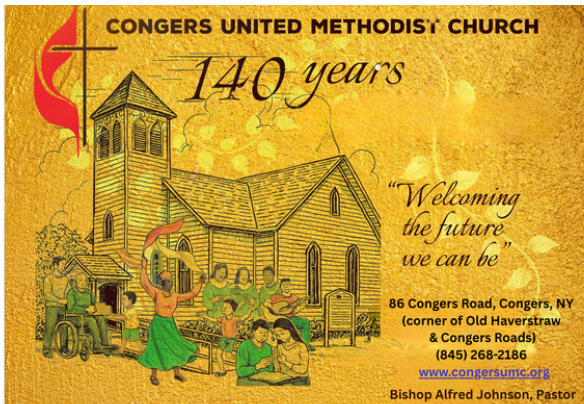




SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Fouteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Bold responses read in unison

Jim West

Frances Reid

*Stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

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

*OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH #400

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table:

in times of disagreement, teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace;
 through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.

Written by Stephen Shakespear in Prayers for an Inclusive Church. Posted on the Church of Scotland's [Starters for Sunday](https://www.startersforsunday.org/) website.
 Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/collect-for-september-4-2011.html>.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in Grace, let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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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

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (2X)"

TFWS 2193

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

MESSAGE

"Picking Up the Pieces"

Bishop J

RESPONSE

SILENT MEDITATION AND INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF MEDITATION

"The Potter's House"

Shantelle Williams Johnson, Jayon Anthony Jones

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

Special Compassion Offering: Hope Members and Neighbors in Need

People to People Food Ministry

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

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

"Sent Out in Jesus Name (Enviado soy de Dios)"

TFWS #2184

*SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Music: Jim West

Special Music: Shantelle Williams Johnson
and Jayon Anthony Jones

Facebook Coordinator: Roger Edwards Cheery



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 **15th 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:

- ***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**



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SHANTELE WILLIAMS JOHNSON	WYNNUM SABILE	JOE HAM	CLYDE BULLARD	DINAH VERO	ERIC LANE
VOCALS	GUITAR	DRUMS	BASS	PIANO	SAXOPHONE

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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