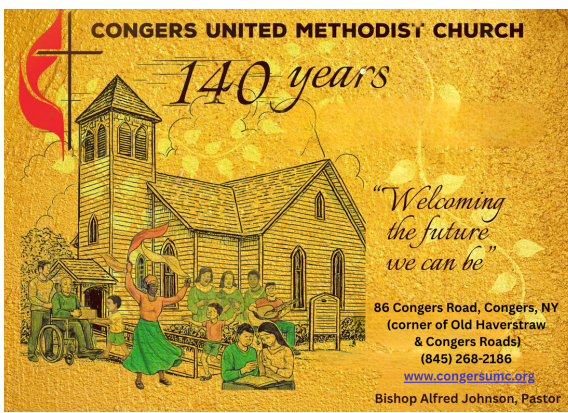




SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Bold responses read in unison

Jim West

Frances Reid, Worship Leader

***Stand in body or spirit**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When fear rises and the path ahead is unclear, God speaks: “Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”

People: We come trusting the heart of God, even when we cannot see His hand.

Leader: Though trials produce endurance, and endurance character, and character hope—

People: We lift our voices to the God whose love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship the One who strengthens, upholds, and never lets us go.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Guide My Feet”

TFWS #2208

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and faithful God, You meet us in the places where our vision fails and our confidence falters. You steady us with Your presence and surround us with Your love. As we gather today, open our hearts to trust You more deeply. Teach us to rest in Your promises, to lean into Your strength, and to believe that Your heart is always toward us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We confess that we often rely on what we can see and understand. When life becomes uncertain, we doubt Your goodness. When challenges arise, we forget Your promises. When suffering comes, we question Your love. Forgive us for the smallness of our trust and for the ways we cling to fear instead of faith. Strengthen us by Your Spirit, that we may learn to trust Your heart even when Your hand is hidden from our sight. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS, GRACE AND HEALING

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE GUEST PREACHER

Bishop J

***SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Isaiah 41:10; Romans 5:3-5

SONG OR PREPARATION

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Jayon Anthony

MESSAGE

“When You Can’t See His Hand, Trust His Heart”

Rev. Dr. Kenneth B. Staley

President, Philadelphia Center for Urban Theological Studies

RESPONSE

SILENT MEDITATION 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 OFFERING

Reminder: *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

“Now Thank We All Our God “

UMH #102

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

“Amen, Amen”

TFWS #2072

***SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Staley

Worship Leader: Frances Reid

Music: Jim West

Special Music: Jayon Anthony

Facebook Coordinator: Cheery Villaseñor



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 **16th 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**

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
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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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4-6 PM

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