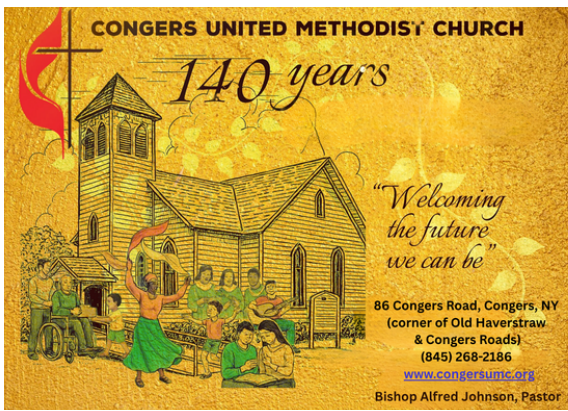




SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Bold responses read in unison

*Stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE

Judy Gorman, Musician

WELCOME

Carole Anderson, Worship Leader

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of grace and God of glory, You gather us again in Your presence to receive what we cannot earn and to become what we cannot be on our own.

People: **Pour Your grace upon us, and shine Your glory within us.**

Leader: You call us to stand firm in love in a world trembling with fear, to seek justice with courage, and to walk humbly with wisdom.

ALL: **Come, let us worship the One whose grace sustains us and whose glory transforms us.**

We lift our hearts to God— our strength, our song, our salvation.

*OPENING HYMN

"God of Grace, and God of Glory "

UMH #577, vss. 1,2,4

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and God of glory, we come before You seeking your Presence in a world overwhelmed by fear, division, and injustice. You know the pressures that bend our spirits, the temptations that distort our vision, and the anxieties that keep us from living boldly in your Love. Pour out your grace upon us— grace that steadies trembling hearts, grace that heals wounded communities, grace that strengthens weary disciples. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of grace and God of glory, we come confessing the ways fear has shaped us more than Your Spirit.

People: **Save us from weak resignation, O God.**

Leader: When injustice feels too heavy to confront, and we settle for silence—

People: **Save us from weak resignation, O God.**

Leader: When prejudice persists in our communities, and we choose comfort over courage—

People: **Save us from weak resignation, O God.**

Leader: When division grows, and we stop believing reconciliation is possible—

People: **Save us from weak resignation, O God.**

Leader: When cynicism dulls our hope, and we forget Your power to make all things new—

People: **Save us from weak resignation, O God.**

Leader: When Your call to justice feels costly, and we shrink back instead of stepping forward—

People: **Save us from weak resignation, O God.**

Leader: When confusion and conflict rise within us because Your sense of justice and grace collides with our own sense of justice and grace—

People: **Save us from weak resignation, O God.**

Leader: God of wisdom and God of courage, forgive our surrender to the evils of our age. Forgive our resignation to what You can transform.

ALL: **In the name of Jesus Christ, forgive us-Grant us wisdom. Grant us courage. For the living of these days. Amen.**

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

UMH #382, vss. 1,4

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS, GRACE AND HEALING

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, We are been forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Thom Shuman, from Lectionary Liturgies. Reposted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/prayer-of-confession-september-18-2011.html>, adp-aj

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 OR PREPARATION

"Amazing Grace/ My Chains Are Gone!"

Cheery Villaseñor

*SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 55:1-3;8-9
Matthew 20:1-16

Lisa Dawn Anderson

MESSAGE

"Dayworkers of Grace"

Bishop J

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

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

TFWS #2153

*SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Judy Gorman

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Carole Anderson

Music: Judy Gorman

Scripture: Lisa Dawn Anderson

Special Music: Cheery Villaseñor

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 **17th 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 form 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 and conflicts between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Iran, our country 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, Sunday, September 20, following worship, "One Board,"** preparing for **Charge Conference** on Sunday, October 18. Officers should get their lunch and meet in the "piano room"
- **Sunday October 4, 10am Worship: World Communion Sunday;** Special Guest Choir: "The Main Street Singers" and "Peace Presentation" with Eric Lane
- **Wednesday, October 7, 6pm, CongersUMC Jazz Night at Christy's Cafe,** 2 Old Haverstraw Road, across from our church, A "Bridges" Program Extension.
- **Sunday, October 18, following worship,** Annual meeting of our **CHARGE CONFERENCE**, Pastor Garielle Corbett will be our guest preacher representing our District Superintendent and Bishop. She has also been assigned to preside over our Charge Conference.
- **Saturday, November 7, 4pm, Boots on the Ground is coming back!!** More information will be forthcoming
- **Celebrate September birthdays:** Wynnum Sabile (9/1), Walter Reed (9/4), Frances Reid (9/9) Other September birthdays????

