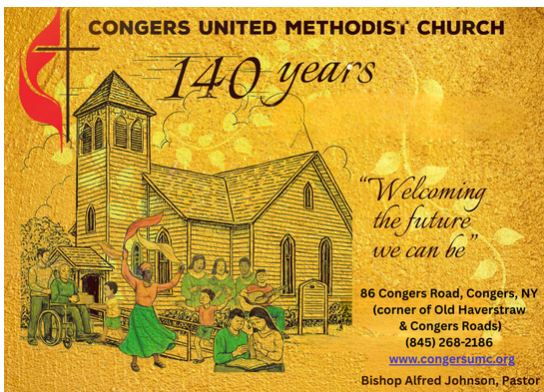




SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month
ENTRANCE

Bold responses read in unison

*Stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The apostle Paul calls us to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” What is the mind of Jesus?

The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul reminds us that “it is God who is at work in you.” How is God at work in us?

God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul exhorts us to “work on your own salvation with fear and trembling.” How do we work on our own salvation?

We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

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

***OPENING HYMN**

“Woke Up This Morning With My Mind...”

TFWS # 208

OPENING PRAYER

Most wonderful God, the beauty we see in Jesus is your beauty veiled in human flesh, the love we witness from Bethlehem to Golgotha is your love contracted to a span. If Christ’s life is so holy as to fill us with wonder, how much more would your unveiled beauty leave us overwhelmed and trembling? You are more than the eye could bear, more than the mind can ever fathom. Yet you have so carefully made us that although we cannot fathom you, we can yet love you. Gratefully, we bring our little lives to you, asking that our worship may arise from love and be shaped by love, and be directed towards that larger loving which is our soul’s desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Written by Bruce Prewer, posted on Bruce Prewer’s Homepage. Reposted on the re: Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/opening-prayer-philippians-2-6-11.html>.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Within the strength of community, in the power of silence, we come before God with the truth of our lives, trusting in the mercy and love of our Creator. Let us offer our confession before God and each other. Holy God, we know that in so many ways We have run from you, We have ignored your call, We have closed our eyes to your presence, We have disbelieved your mercy, We have disregarded your words, We have belittled ourselves, We have forsaken others. So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and life-giving. And hear now our silent prayers.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior”

Nick Orange

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS, GRACE AND HEALING

Receive the good news: God’s love abounds for us, Forgiving us and restoring us to Community with God and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What Is Good.” Used with permission. Posted at <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>.

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

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PROCLAMATION

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Con Alma” by Dizzie Gillespie

Jayon Anthony/Jim West

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Philippians 2:1-13

MESSAGE

“Humility as Resistance”

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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH #102

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH #127

***SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Laurie Tacadena

Music: Jim West

Special Music: Nick Orange;

Jayon Anthony and Jim West

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 **18th 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"

*We recognize that this is **National Hispanic Heritage Month!** This month we celebrate the contributions of Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean. It is set from September 15 to October 15 as it celebrates September 15 is the anniversary of independence in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. It also celebrates September 16 and September 18 as independence days of Mexico and Chile.

We will have a special celebration at worship on Sunday October 11

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:

- **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

