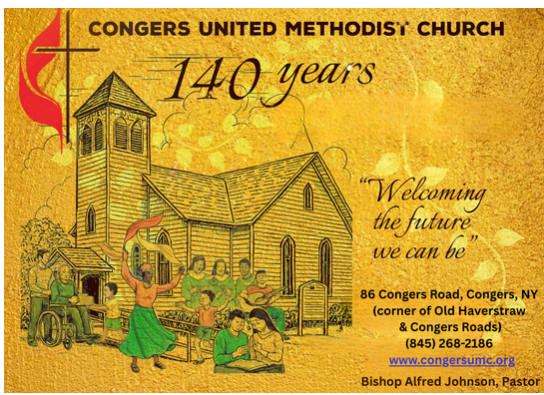




SUNDAY WORSHIP
October 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

ENTRANCE

Bold responses read in unison

*Stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, from every corner of the earth, from every culture, language, and tradition.

People: We gather as one body in Christ, united by the Spirit, bound by love, seeking the peace that only God can give.

Leader: Today, we break bread together, remembering that Christ's table stretches across continents and centuries, calling us into a peace that heals divisions and restores hope.

All: We come to taste and see that the Lord is good. We come to share in the feast of grace and peace. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Peace on Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH #431

OPENING PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Leader: Across the world today, your people gather at Christ's table— a table of welcome, mercy, and peace. Yet we confess that our lives do not always reflect the peace You desire for us and for all creation.

People: God of peace, hear our confession.

Leader: We confess the ways we have allowed fear to overshadow faith, division to silence compassion, and conflict to fracture community.

People: God of peace, forgive us.

Leader: We confess the times we have turned away from our neighbors near and far, ignoring cries for justice, neglecting opportunities for reconciliation, and withholding the peace we ourselves seek.

People: God of peace, restore us.

Leader: We confess that we have not always lived as people shaped by Your global table— a table where enemies become friends, strangers become family, and peace becomes our shared calling.

People: God of peace, forgive us and make us whole. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"It is Well"

UMH #377, first/last verses

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS, GRACE AND HEALING

Hear the good news: Christ, who gathers the world at one table, meets us not with judgment but with mercy, healing, and peace. Across every border and barrier, across every wound and worry, the peace of Christ is already moving toward you. In Christ, you are forgiven. In Christ, you are made new. In Christ, you are sent as instruments of peace for a world longing to be whole.

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE THEME OF PEACE AND ERIC LANE

Shantelle Williams Johnson

SONG OF PREPARATION

“What a Wonderful World”

Shantelle Williams Johnson and Eric Lane

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 19:41-42;45-48

MESSAGE

“Things That Make For Peace”

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

Special Offering for Ethnic Scholarships in the UMC
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

CELEBRATION OF WORLD COMMUNION AND PEACE (see back pages)

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

TFWS # 2145

***SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!



Thank you Today's Worship Team:

Music: Jim West

Special Music:

Shatelle Williams Johnson and Eric Lane

Facebook Coordinator: Cheery Villaseñor



All October Birthdays!

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

Today: we will be lead in a presentation on Peace by Eric Lane, Co-Chair of "The Board of Peace" following worship

SPECIAL FUTURE PROJECTS:

- **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 11, 10am, Celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month**
- **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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and gracious God,

we give you thanks for this holy table, where your people from every nation
and every corner of the earth gather as one body in Christ.

We remember with gratitude that on the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given for you."

And he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

As we receive these gifts, remind us that we belong to one another because we belong to Christ.

Where there is division, make us one. Where there is hatred, make us instruments of love.

Where there is violence, make us witnesses to your peace.

Pour out your Spirit upon these elements of bread and drink,
and upon us, for the work of peace and your power through us.

Make this bread and cup for us a holy communion in Christ, and make us,
his people, living signs of his reconciling love in the world.

Send us from this table strengthened by grace, united in Christ,
and committed to the work of peace.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.**