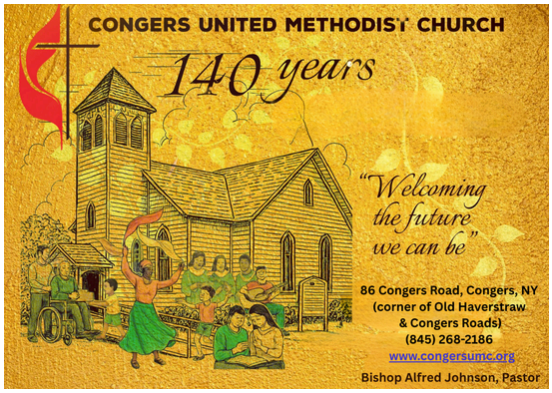





SUNDAY WORSHIP

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

*Stand in body or spirit

ENTRANCE

Bold responses read in unison

PRELUDE Jim West

WELCOME Worship Leader, Frances Reid

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, come into this place of truth and grace.
People: We gather to hear again the Great Commandment — to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Leader: It sounds so simple. It rolls off the tongue like a familiar song.
People: Yet today we come ready to wrestle with what love really asks of us.
Leader: Love shapes our choices, our priorities, our public witness, And the quiet corners of our everyday lives. Come, disciples of Jesus.
People: Let us worship the One whose love is perfect, whose call is challenging, and whose grace makes obedience possible. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "*Holy Holy Holy*" UMH #64, vss. 1, 2

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and Loving God, You invite us into a life shaped by love — not the easy love of sentiment or slogans, but the deep love that transforms how we live, how we treat one another, and how we show up in the world. As we worship today, open our hearts to Your Word. Shake us free from shallow faith. Stir our imaginations for courageous discipleship. Teach us what it means to love You fully and to love our neighbors honestly, generously, and sacrificially.

Guide our thoughts, our actions, and even our civic responsibilities so that everything we do reflects the way of Jesus. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We confess that we often settle for the idea of love instead of the practice of love. We say, "Oh, how I love Jesus," yet struggle to love the people You place in front of us. We affirm the Great Commandment, yet resist the cost of living it out.
Forgive us for loving selectively, for choosing comfort over compassion, for speaking of justice without pursuing it, for claiming faith without embodying it.
Forgive us when our discipleship is casual, our commitments shallow, and our public witness disconnected from Your kingdom values. Renew us by Your Spirit so that our love becomes real, active, and courageous — in our homes, our communities, and even in the way we vote, seeking always to honor Christ in all things. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*" Nick Orange

WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS, GRACE AND HEALING
Hear the good news: The God who commands us to love is the same God who empowers us to love. In Jesus Christ, grace meets us where we are and leads us toward who we are called to be. Walk in love — real love — the love that reflects the heart of God. You are forgiven. You are renewed. You are strengthened for the journey of discipleship. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **Amen.** Share this blessing with your neighbors.

WELCOMING FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Introduction of our Special Guest: Dilcia Suazo, Acting Executive Director, Projecto Faro, (Project Light House)

Carole Anderson, Evelyn Jaeger

PROCLAMATION

***SONG OF PREPARATION**	"*Con Alma"*	Jayon Anthony, Nick Orange, Jim West
***GOSPEL READING**	Matthew 22:34-40	Gerri Doherty
MESSAGE	***"Easy Like Sunday Morning"***	**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 Projecto Faro
Reminder: People to People Food Ministry
: Samaritan Christmas Box

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

A SONG OF MEDITATION	"*Con Alma"*	Jayon Anthony and Jim West
***SENDING HYMN**	"*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*"	UMH #89

***SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Frances Reid
Music: Jayon Anthony, Nick Orange & Jim West
Scripture Reader(s):
Laurie Tacdena and Arielle Rogers
Facebook Coordinator: Cheery Villaseñor



All October Birthdays!
Gerri Dougherty, 9/19

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 **22nd 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 disicples of Jesus Christ who will "Love Boldly, Serve Joyously and Lead Courageously for the Transformation of the World"

*We recoginize 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.

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

- **7pm Tuesday Weekly Prayer meetings** by Zoom with Dr. Stacy May; All are invited: Zoom Link:
- **Sunday November 1, All Saints Sunday.** We will remember and celebrate the "Saints" of our lives above with the calling of names and lighting of candles. We will also celebrate Holy Communion. **Please fill out the form** with your name and the names of loved ones you want to remember.
- **Saturday, November 7, 4pm, Boots on the Ground is coming back!!** (see flyer)





Please fill out the form below with your name and the persons you would like remembered. We will display their names next Sunday.

Your Name: _____

In loving memory of:

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