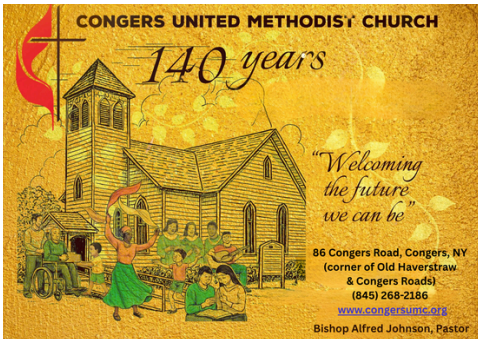



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.



*Stand in body or spirit

Bold responses read in unison

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE **Jim West**

WELCOME **Worship Leader, Frances Reid**

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Creator of sky and earth, You call us into the sacred circle of life, where every breath is a gift and every step touches holy ground.
People: We come with gratitude, honoring the life You give and the land beneath our feet.
Leader: We remember the ancestors who walked this land long before us— the Munsee Lenape, keepers of wisdom, stewards of water and forest.
People: We honor their presence, their stories, and their care for this homeland.
Leader: Creator, You speak through wind and river, through sunrise and falling leaves, through the quiet places where our hearts finally listen.
People: We open ourselves to Your voice in creation, in community, and in the stillness within.
Leader: Gather us now— children of earth, people of hope— that we may walk gently, love boldly, and live in harmony with all You have made.
People: We come to worship with humility, joy, and thanksgiving. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *"Morning Has Broken"* UMH # 145

***OPENING PRAYER (standing and facing in the directions)**
A Directional Prayer, by Ray Buckley, *Tlingit/Lakota Tribes*
Here, in this place, *You* have chosen to be with us.
We turn to the *east*, (Turn) the morning sun awaits us, and *Your* light is there.
We turn to the *south*, from which warm winds blow, and *Your* spirit warms us.
We turn to the *west*, the place of the unknown, and *Your* certainty awaits us.
We turn to the *north*, the place of wisdom, and find *Your* wisdom is already here.
(Face forward now)
Around, before, and behind us, *Your* presence is here. We open our arms (lift your hand and touch your heart)and our hearts, so that *You* may come inside. See that we are a good place for *You* to live. See that we are *Your* children, and you are our God. Live in us. Amen.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION, Nathan Sam-Whistler, *Tohono O'odham/Paiute*
One: O' Great Spirit hear our hearts. We are weak and feeble.
Many: We have been wronged and we have wronged others.
One: Help us, to forgive others and to forgive ourselves.
Many: Many things bother us--some of these things we can talk about--others we cannot.
One: Set our feet upon solid ground so that we might again walk in a good way.
Many: Creator, we come to you with a repentant heart. Deliver us from our pain. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *"As A Deer Panteth.."* TFWS #2025

WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS, GRACE AND HEALING
God's grace is abundant And meets us where we are, Forgiving us and inspiring us to stay awake and aware of all God is doing among us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! **Amen.**
Adapted from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration. Reposted on the re:Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/confession-proper-27a.html.

WELCOMING FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH Molly McGrath

***SONG OF PREPARATION** *"I Trust in God"* Jackie DeSouza

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 25:1-13 Vallerie Cleveland

MESSAGE ***"How Goes It With Your Lamp"*** 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*
Samaritan Christmas Box due Today, tomorrow

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**

***NATIVE AMERICAN CREED, by Kimberlee Medicine Horn Jackson, Yankton Sioux Tribe**
I believe in Creator, in God the Father, in the one who made everything.
I believe the One from Above knows our struggles with unbelief, so He made a way for us to know Him walking on earth by sending his Son. That's how much He loves us.
I believe in Jesus, the Waymaker, the Prince of Peace, the Living Water who lived among us, taught us, loved us, healed us, forgave us, and gave his life for us because that was the way from the One from Above.
I believe in three days, the Waymaker conquered death and sits at Creator's right side, watching us, and bending His ear to us.
I believe Waymaker knew us so well that after He walked on from this earth, He gifted us with Spirit to be our eyes to see Creator in everything, ears to hear the whispers, the laughter, and tears of Creator in ways only we understand, in language only we know.
I believe our hearts have been opened to accept and give love.
I believe Creator, the Waymaker, and Spirit are all one—
One that never ends, One who meets us wherever we go and wherever we come from, I believe. I believe. AMEN

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN** *"This Little Light of Mine"* UMH #585

***SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

thank you Today's Worship Team:

Worship Leader: Frances Reid
Scripture Reader: Vallerie Cleveland
Song of Preparation: Jackie DeSouza
Music: Jim West
Facebook Coordinator: Cheery Villaseñor



All November Birthdays!
Eufemia Tacadena (11/3)
John Jaeger (11/14)
Jayla Jones (11/17)

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 **24th, 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".

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

November is National Native American Heritage Month. We will pleased to have Molly McGrath bring us moments of recognition and celebration this morning.

T**oday: All Samaritan Christmas Boxes are due**! Please bring all you have, see Evelyn Jaeger for more information

7pm Tuesdays, Weekly Prayer meetings by Zoom with Dr. Stacy May; All are invited:
Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89011272653?pwd=R6MHcGE8v0QnyKVOc2zZxbDFoY16ps.1
Meeting ID: 890 1127 2653
Passcode: 653740

Sunday, November 22, Thanksgiving Sunday, we will have a Thanksgiving Lunch. Bring your People to People Donations!

Sunday November 29, 1st Sunday of Advent/UMC Student Student Day

Sunday December 6, Giving Consecration Sunday, Please bring your **"Growing in Grace, Living Generously"** Giving Forms for 2027