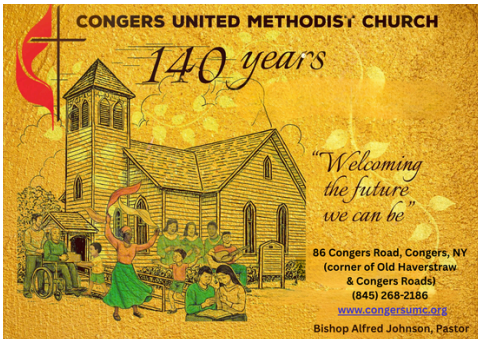





THANKSGIVING SUNDAY WORSHIP

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

*Stand in body or spirit

ENTRANCE

Bold responses read in unison

PRELUDE **Jim West**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday and in this season of Thanksgiving, we gather with grateful hearts to celebrate the One who reigns over all creation with love, justice, mercy, and grace. Christ our King gathers us into one family and teaches us that true greatness is found in serving others.

We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.

As we count our blessings, Christ the King reminds us that gratitude is more than thanksgiving spoken; it is thanksgiving lived. The One who reigns from the cross calls us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and embody God's love in the world.

We come to worship Christ our King, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same. With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God! Thanks be to God! Amen.

adpt-Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2026.

***OPENING HYMN** *" We Gather Together"* UMH #131

***OPENING PRAYER**

Sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines. All creation declares your majesty. In you, we move, live, and have our being. On this Thanksgiving season and Reign of Christ Sunday, we come with grateful hearts, acknowledging that every good and perfect gift comes from your hand. We thank you for daily bread and sustaining grace, for family and friends, for harvests gathered and hopes renewed, for mercies seen and unseen.

Gather us around your table of abundance and send us forth to be a blessing to others, that our gratitude may become generosity and our thanksgiving may become faithful service. We worship you, Christ our King and Lord of the Harvest, in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

adpt-Written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay and posted on the Worship Ways website of the United Church of Christ at https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/reign-of-christ-b-november-24/.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we recognize the Reign of Christ and gather in this season of Thanksgiving, we confess that gratitude too often stops at our lips and fails to reach our hands and feet. We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, celebrations and consumption.

We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness, comfort, and silence when your Spirit calls us to compassion and witness. Forgive us when our thanksgiving is merely sentiment and not service. Teach us to see every blessing as a trust from your hand, every table as a place of welcome, and every neighbor as a bearer of your image.

May our gratitude become generosity, our praise become action, and our thanksgiving become a living testimony to your goodness. Remind us that it is your name we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to join You as disciples in your mission in this world. In your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE Nick Orange

WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS, GRACE AND HEALING

WELCOMING FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

PROCLAMATION

***SONG OF PREPARATION** *"Give Thanks"* (TFWS #2036) Jayon Anthony

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 107:1-9;23-26
Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE ***"Thankful 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** "*To God Be The Glory"* UMH #99

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN** *"Now Thank We All Our God "* UMH#102

***SENDING, DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

thank you **Today's Worship Team:**

Song of Preparation: *Jayon Anthony*
Special Music: Nick Orange
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 **Reign of Christ Sunday.** We join Christ in His Reign to "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.

This is also National Epilepsy Month

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 29, 1st Sunday of Advent/ UMC Student Day

Please bring your "Growing in Grace, Living Generously" Giving Forms for 2027

Sunday December 6, Giving Consecration Sunday,
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"CUMC is so proud to report that 32 shoeboxes and 3 on line donations were made for a total of 35 boxes. Wow and thank you to all. Remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love for a child. NOTE: now is the time to collect and save WOW items to bless a child next year. Cheers' Evelyn

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