



Faith. Family. Fellowship. Music.
Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 7, 2025, 10 am

Celebrating: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We thank today's Worship Team leaders:

Music: Jim West

Worship Leader/Liturgist: Linda Catillano

Scripture Reader: Estelle Vasquez

Sunday School: Cheery Villaseñor

Facebook Coordinator Roberto Villaseñor



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 time with us, please fill in your name, email address, and/or cell number in the **“Welcome Visitor’s Form”** in the back of the pew in front of you. Kindly place it in the offering plates or give it to any member. We hope to see you again.

Congers UMC is open for in-person worship service, as well as, on Facebook Live* www.facebook.com/CongersUMC. *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).

This is the Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost. Pentecost, is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth and empowerment of the Church. In this season, we are reminded of the outpouring of the Spirit for the work, mission and growth of Christ’s mission through the Church.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Jim West, Musician

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Linda Catillano, Worship Leader

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.

Wherever we go, God knows our name.

Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you.

Whatever we do, God knows our name.

However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.

However we live, God knows our name.

We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2025

***OPENING HYMN**

"Woke Up This Morning"

TFWS #2082, vs. 1-3

OPENING PRAYER

All-knowing God, We gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SILENT MEDITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE, GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

**Offer each other the gift of forgiveness*

"In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS

CHILDREN MAY BE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH #191

PROCLAMATION

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

"All of You"

Written by John Legend, adapted by Shantelle Williams Johnson

***SCRIPTURE**

First Testament: Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18
Second Testament: Paul's Letter to Philemon

MESSAGE

"Good For Something!"

Bishop J

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Bold print are read in unison
*Stand in body, if able or in spirit

TFWS (The Faith We Sing)
UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)

RESPONSE

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 OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

For your giving convenience, 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:



*RESPONSE

"All Things Come of Thee"

UMH #588

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Let us Break Bread Together" Word and Table III, #15 UMH



PREPARATION

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

*SENDING SONG

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

TFWS #2153

*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

Postlude (please be seated)

Jim West

Acolytes carry the Light into 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 on-going wars between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Israel 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 Francs Reid, coordinator, for more information.



Future Opportunities

- September 15 – October 15: Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sun. Sept. 21, Community Appreciation and Outreach Sunday, Guest Preacher: Rev. Gina Yeske, Associate Superintendent and Bridges Coordinator, Greater New Jersey Conference, The United Methodist Church
- Tues. September, 23, 6pm, Church Council/All Church members meeting to prepare for Charge Conference - consider a new way forward for CongersUMC.
- Sun. October 19, CHARGE CONFERENCE.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

9/1 Wynnum Sabile, 9/2 Victoria Oliver, 9/14 Walter Reed



HOLY COMMUNION



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.**

Leader: We praise You and we give you thanks for Your diverse creation, filled with purposeful interdependence. Thank you for creating in us an innate desire to live in community with a need for the gifts of others. Thank you for the freedom to be who we truly are: Imperfect in body and mind, dependent, fallible, always needing help, and always needed to help those around us. You, whole and holy, live in the eternal community of Triune Love, and call us, limited and dependent as we are, into community with you. You give and ask of us ever-flowing mercy, not unblemished sacrifice. This is why the whole universe worships You. This is why we join with all heaven and earth to praise You in an endless chorus of praise: Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

People: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, who teaches us the way of mercy, not sacrifice. We bless you, O God, because in mercy, not sacrifice, Jesus taught his disciples not to depend on the money or gifts they could offer, but on the hospitality and gifts of others. We give you thanks, O God, because in mercy, not sacrifice, Jesus taught his disciples not to depend on their own power to obtain approval, but to depend upon the power and mercy of others. We praise your name, O God, because, in mercy, not sacrifice, Jesus taught his disciples not to seek respectability, but to connect with all people, including sinners and outcasts, often told they could not look to heaven for help. We glorify you, O God, because, in mercy, not sacrifice, Jesus taught his disciples not to seek intellectual, political or physical superiority, but to be the servant of all, of every ability, even washing their feet.

For it was in mercy, not sacrifice, that Jesus took bread unable to rise and blessed you for it, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: **People: “Take. Eat. This is my brokenness shared with you. Eat it, and remember me.”** Leader: In mercy, not sacrifice, he took a cup of wine from the prepared table, gave thanks, and then gave it to his disciples, saying, **People: “Drink from this all of you, This is my blood proclaiming the Divine promise of forgiveness. Drink it, and remember me.”**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: So we, subjects of God's mercy in Christ, and no longer objects of sacrifice despite the world's labeling, give you ourselves, our differently abled souls and bodies, a fragrant offering of praise and thanksgiving, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith: **People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Leader: Fount of Courage, Breeze of Hope, Breath of Mercy, Stir into these gifts of bread and wine the merciful presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ to bless our lives. Fount of Courage, Breeze of Hope, Breath of Mercy, Stir the gift of our lives into the merciful presence of the church, the body and bride of Christ to bless the world. Fount of Courage, Breeze of Hope, Breath of Mercy, Slake the thirsty, the overlooked and the ignored, Refresh the wearied, the abused and the shunned, Breathe life into the dying, the silenced and those left for dead, so that here and now, as in the age to come, All flesh in all conditions may confess your redeeming love. We pray in the name of the Trinity, Love of Father, of Spirit, of Son, Love of Father for Son and Spirit, Love of Son for Spirit and Father, Love of Spirit for Father and Son, Love of Three in One for all, and Mercy over all, ever abounding. Amen.