



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

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 10:00 am

Celebrating: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We thank today's Worship Team leaders:

Guest Preacher and Leader: Rev. Gina Yeske

Music: Judy Gorman

Worship Leader/Liturgist: Carole Anderson

Scripture Reader: Lisa Anderson

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 Fifteenth 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.

Bold print: read in unison
*Stand in body or spirit

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Judy Gorman, Musician

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Carole Anderson, Worship Leader

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome To worship God

People: With our mouths, with our voices, with our hearts!

Leader: We come to honor God

People: In our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, our witness!

Leader: By faith we gather to receive God's grace

People: That it may sing through our lives and reflect God's love in all that we do!

Leader: By faith, we live and move and have our being

ALL: Knowing God's promises are sure and steadfast. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come together this day as a people who trust in your promises. We gather by faith, seeking Your presence, ready to be renewed in your grace. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may hear your Word, receive your hope, and be strengthened to walk boldly in the paths you have set before us. May our worship today lift our spirits, bind us together in love, and empower us to shine your light in our families, our neighborhoods, and our world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God who labors without ceasing, to bring all people into wholeness and into oneness with you, we confess our reluctance to live in unity with all your people. Help us to overcome the scandal of our many prides such as - the race, creed, gender, class, language, sexuality, culture and color - that your church might be a worthy witness to your good news of love and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Head. Amen.

-Ruth Duck, Bread for the Journey, Ruth Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1981, p.46., Adapted-aj

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"I'm Still Holding On"

Jackie DeSouza

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

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PROCLAMATION

INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST PREACHER

***SONG OF PREPARATION** *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* TFWS#2153, vs. 1st & last

***SCRIPTURE** *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Lisa Anderson

MESSAGE *"Faith That Moves Us"*

Rev. Gina Yeske

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

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE (see page 4)

SENDING SONG *"Total Praise"*

CongersUMC Ensemble

*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

Postlude (Please be seated)

Judy Gorman

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Opportunities for Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

Today

Following worship, during the fellowship time, we will be led in an exciting new way to develop a “bridge” into our community in ways that will help our church increase! All are encouraged to be present and contribute to our strategies of mission.

We thank today's Worship Team Leaders

- Guest Preacher and Leader: Rev. Gina Yeske, Associate Superintendent and Bridges Coordinator, Greater New Jersey, Conference, The United Methodist Church

Rev. Gina Yeske serves as the Associate Superintendent for GNJ, focusing on equipping congregations for health, vitality, and fruitfulness. She is also the champion for Bridges, guiding churches to explore new possibilities, strengthen relationships, and engage their communities through hospitality and storytelling, while living out Spirit-inspired ministry. Today, she joins Congers UMC to support their celebration of accomplishments and help them envision a faithful path forward. Outside of ministry, Gina and her husband, Steve enjoy staying connected with their children and grandchildren, gardening, entertaining, and taking walks with their dog, Star.

- Scripture Reader: Lisa Anderson
- CongersUMC Music Ensemble: Jayon Anthony, Jackie DeSouza, Shantelle Williams Johnson, Frances Reid, Cheery Villasenor
- Facebook Coordinator: Roberto Villasenor
- Yours Truly, Worship Leader

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.** We celebrate Hispanic Heritage month which began on September 15 and continues through – October 15: Next Sunday, September 28, we will have our special service of celebration led by Estelle Vasquez, Ivon Anaya Pebacini, Linda Catillano, and Evelyn Jaeger, who deliver the morning message.
- **Tues. September, 23, 6pm, Church Council/All Church members meeting** to prepare for Charge Conference and, consider a new way forward for CongersUMC as a One Board Council Model of Missional Organization. Note: A part of our meeting will be to elect a new Trustee, Marvin Benton, authorized as a Church Conference by District Superintendent William Williams III.
- **Sun Oct 12, 1pm, Jim West in concert at Torne Valley Vineyards, Suffern, NY.**
- **Sun. October 19, following Worship: CHARGE CONFERENCE.** All members invited.
- **Sun. Oct. 26, CongersUMC Community Prayer Walk Sunday.**



Pearl River UMC Community Fundraising Event: Dining for a Difference:

Join us on Saturday, October 18th for a pasta dinner to help support our critical missions in the community! There will be two seatings: 5:30pm and 6:45pm. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$7 for children. Dinner includes choice of pasta, sauce, meatballs/protein, salad, bread, and dessert. To purchase tickets scan the QB code here.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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

