



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

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*Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor*

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

***Sunday, September 28, 2025, 10:00 am***

**Celebrating: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**We thank today's Worship Team leaders:**

***Music: Jim West***

***Worship Leader/Liturgist: Linda Cantillano***

***Scripture Reader: Estelle Vasquez***

***Hispanic Heritage Presenter: Ivon Pebacini***

***Guest Speaker: Evelyn Jaeger***

***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](http://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 Seventeenth 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

Jim West, Musician

#### GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Linda Cantillano

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to the church of Jesus Christ!

People: **We come from different cultures and races.**

Leader: All are invited into the doors of our sanctuary.

People: **We are adults, children, and youth.**

Leader: All are invited to the altar of our church.

People: **We are women, men, girls, and boys.**

Leader: All are invited to the Table for Communion.

People: **We are employed, unemployed, with limited income, and with great wealth.**

Leader: All are invited to the baptismal font.

People: **We experience God in many ways.**

Leader: All are invited to share with us in fellowship.

People: **We come, Lord, we come.**

Leader: Welcome, all of you!

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*"Cantemos al Señor" ("Let's Sing Unto the Lord")*

UMH #149

#### OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Creator God,

**We thank You for our wondrous diversity, for our cultures, traditions and languages, for all the ways we celebrate our humanity and praise Your divinity. We value all peoples, and in this time, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.**

**May we remember in our churches the leaders, teachers, and theologians that have been part of our Christian faith tradition.**

**May we continue to hear from diverse voices that speak the truth of God's love, peace and justice for all people. Forgive us when our sinfulness works against the gift of diversity that you intend for your creation. Guide us in ways of new understandings to build a more inclusive church.**

**In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray. Amen.**

-Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell-adapted-aj

#### SILENT MEDITATION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in the language of your choice)

#### 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

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## PROCLAMATION

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION** *"Halle Halle, Halle..."* TFWS#2026 (3x)  
**A CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE** Ivon Pebacini  
**\*SCRIPTURE** Revelation 7:1-3;9-10 Estelle Vasquez  
**MESSAGE** *"The Untold History of Latinos"* Evelyn Jaeger  
*"Voce American Historia"* <https://share.google/XbaWsHEU651GfnGK2>

### 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** *"Enviado Soy De Dios (Sent Out in Jesus' Name)"*

### \*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

### POSTLUDE (Please be seated)

*Acolytes carry the Light into the world!*

## Opportunities for Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

### Today

We celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month**. It celebrates the contributions of Hispanic-Latino people to this nation. This month is not only so that we may celebrate who “we” are, but also for the whole nation to celebrate with us the fact that we can be part of this nation without abandoning or diminishing our Hispanic-Latino culture. This national celebration began on September 15, which commemorates the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. This date was chosen because it marks the anniversary of the Cry of Dolores, which initiated the Mexican War of Independence. The month-long celebration extends to October 15, recognizing the contributions and culture of Hispanic Americans.

### We thank today's Worship Team Leaders

Linda Cantillano, Evelyn Jaeger, Estelle Vasquez and Ivon Pebacini, all who developed and/or participated in our special Hispanic Heritage program today. A special fellowship hour has been prepared for our celebration.

### Additionally, we thank:

Music: Jim West

Communications and Technical Assistance: Cheery Villaseñor

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### **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 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**

- **Sunday, October 19, following 10am Worship: Annual CongersUMC CHARGE/CHURCH CONFERENCE.** All members and interested friends in the future of CongersUMC are encouraged to attend. **District Superintendent Rev. Williams M. Williams III** will be present and presiding on behalf of Bishop Cynthia Moore Koikoi, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church.
- **Sunday, October 26, CongersUMC Community Prayer Walk Sunday.**
- **Saturday, November 1, 4pm - 7pm “Put Your Boots On The Ground” Line Dance training and Dance, at CongersUMC Education Building, donation \$20, sponsored by the John Anthony Celebration Committee, for more information contact Frances Reid at [rk645frn@aol.com](mailto:rk645frn@aol.com).**

### **Other Community Events**

- **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 and 6:45pm seatings, Pearl River UMC** Community Fundraising Event: Dining for a Difference: to help support critical missions in the community! \$12 adults, \$7 children. Please call the PRUMC at (845) 735-2241.
- **Spring Valley UMC, Joshua: “Sight and Sound Production, Lancaster County, PA., June 13, 2026, \$300, payable in stages beginning October 19. Info: please contact Shantelle Williams Johnson**

**HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

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

