

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC
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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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***Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve***

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PRELUDE

JULIE OLIVER

GOD’S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TANYA

Please take a moment to review the announcements in your bulletin.

CALL TO WORSHIP: CHRISTMAS WREATH LIGHTING

FLOCK YOUTH

Congregation Sings:

*What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?*

Sung Refrain:

*This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

FLOCK YOUTH

Here, at the nativity of your birth, and at the beginning of a New Year, give us the courage to face this moment with the desire for justice. Forgive us when we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

REV. TANYA

*** HYMN**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Beloved of God, the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!**

A MOMENT FOR ALL AGES

REV. TANYA

Children are invited to come forward to join Pastor Tanya near the nativity scene. At the conclusion, we bless them as they depart with the words...

And now as you depart to continue your learning and worship somewhere else, we offer you our blessing:

[Congregation]: **God's love be with you.**

[Teachers and Children]: **And also with you.**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

DEACON

Isaiah 60:1-6 (p.602)

Matthew 2:9-12 (p.784)

CHORAL ANTHEM

Bread of Heaven

Lopez

SERMON

"Follow Your Star"

REV. TANYA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEACON

For privacy reasons, we are not publishing our prayer list names on our website. If you are worshiping virtually and would like a copy of the prayer list, please send a request to the church office at admin@hollischurch.org.

OFFERING AND PLEDGES

—SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

To initiate online giving, go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>



* DOXOLOGY

#53, vs. 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him;

the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. TANYA

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might:
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!**

And so,
in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ came to uplift us, by his life we give.
Christ gave up his lifeblood, by his death we live.
Christ comes to us now, still, as we gather here.
Christ will come again, so, nothing shall we fear.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** HYMN**

As With Gladness Men of Old

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*** OUR COMMON COMMISSION**

Let us now go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*** BENEDICTION**

REV. TANYA

*** SUNG RESPONSE**

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POSTLUDE

JULIE OLIVER

* Please stand if you are able.

Children Assisting with Worship Leadership Today:

Allie Ford, Arya Millen, Caroline D'Ambrosio, Eli Weir, and Nora Ford

Announcements

Annual Report Due in office, January 5

Annual Report Submissions. As we prepare for our upcoming Annual Report, we kindly ask that all committee and ministry reports be **submitted to the church office by January 5**.

Please email your completed reports to admin@hollischurch.org. Thank you for taking the time to share the good work and ministry of the past year. Your contributions help tell the story of our church and support a smooth and thoughtful annual reporting process.

New Office Hours (as of January 6, 2026)

Open Tuesday through Thursday

Morning Hours: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Afternoon Hours: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

You can also reach us by phone at 603-465-7797 or schedule a visit by appointment.

Christian Education Hosting Fellowship

Christian Education will be hosting Fellowship Hour throughout the month of January. Flock families are invited to drop off food and drinks in Hardy Hall prior to the service. Please check your email for the sign-up link that was sent last month. Questions may be emailed to Kim at CE@hollischurch.org.

Chimes Deadline

February Chimes submissions are due by **January 15**. We would love to share your announcements and news in our upcoming edition. Please email submissions to admin@hollischurch.org. Thank you for all you do to enrich and support our church community!

