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*Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve*

The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.
March 1, 2026 9:30 a.m.
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher
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(Services are recorded)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
THE WORK OF IMAGINATION
“Disruptive Blessings”**

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PRELUDE

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

DEACON

Come into God’s presence, you who imagine and you who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.

By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

Come into God’s fellowship, you who are broken and blessed, you who show mercy, as God has first been merciful to you.

In Christ, we gather in blessing.

Come into God’s presence, singing for joy and for justice; bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DEACON

Generous God, you bless your people in every age:

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary, children and those who are vulnerable, all who know poverty, hunger, grief, and hate. May we follow your example in sharing and seeking blessing for others, not hoarding it for ourselves. Let us share your abundant life and love, offered to us and to all through the vulnerability and generosity of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*** HYMN**

Community of Christ

#502

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DEACON

You told us to bless the poor, to make peace with our neighbors, to share what we have with others, and to live our faith through quiet actions. Yet we often fail this calling. Forgive us, God, where and when we have slipped into the world’s ways of hate, greed, and violence. Guide us into faithfulness once again, for your ways are loving, just, and compassionate. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

REV. TANYA

*** GLORIA**

#37

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May 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 at the front. 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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEACON

God who breathes meaning and inspiration into our sacred scriptures, who crafts stories of redemption, liberation, and love, may these words help us imagine the world you intended. May we receive the challenge to join you in this holy work, bringing heaven to earth as we follow Jesus in love and justice. Amen.

CHARACTER NARRATIVE

JULIE KOPSER

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-31 (pg 838)

James 1:12-27 (pg 980)

Through these ancient words of Holy Scripture, God still speaks to us today.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Father, Forgive Us

Craig Courtney

SERMON

“Disruptive Blessings”

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**

#46

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

REV. TANYA

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The LORD God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your fears, your hopes, your dreams.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to our generous, imaginative God.

We joyfully give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the saints before us, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

Because of these simple and remarkable acts, we offer ourselves to be your hands and feet, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was executed.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Gracious God, we thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and cup that feed our bodies and nourish our souls. May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded. Though we have been fed today at the table, may we still walk away hungry for justice, working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation. Amen.

* HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

#459

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith as we participate in the holy work of imagination.

We believe in the ways of Jesus.

We believe in sharing food, water, shelter, and healing care with everyone.

We believe in freedom for captives, justice for victims, and deliverance for all who are enslaved. We believe peace comes from justice, not violence.

We believe everyone is our neighbor, without exception.

We believe children are precious and worthy of care.

We believe, as Jesus did, that we find God among the poor, the marginalized, the weak, the imprisoned, and the rejected.

We believe Jesus came, not merely to point to heaven, but to teach us how to bring heaven to earth. We believe and pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*** 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

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

JULIE OLIVER

* Please stand if you are able.

Flower Dedication

This morning's flowers are given by Donna Roche to the glory of God, in joyful celebration of Spring! As we look ahead with anticipation to warmer days and the promise of new life blossoming around us, we give thanks that Spring is on its way.

Following the service, the flowers will be placed on display in the church office window for all to enjoy.

Worship Helpers

Thank you to our Flock members, Nora Ford, Allie Ford, Arya Millen, and Caroline D'Ambrosio for serving as worship helpers this morning! We appreciate their willingness to step in and support our services.

Announcements

Annual Meeting - March 1, 2026, at 10:45 AM

Members of the Congregational Church of Hollis are invited to stay after the service for the Annual Meeting. The warrant articles and printed copies of the Annual Report can be found at the entrance to the Meeting House.

Trustees Hosting March Fellowship

Thank you to the Trustees for hosting March Fellowship Hour! Food and beverages may be dropped off in Hardy Hall prior to the service. For questions, please email trustees@hollischurch.org.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible Camp (Week of July 13)

Vacation Bible Camp is coming up the week of July 13, and we need volunteers! Can you help for one day—or all week? Would you be willing to serve as a floater where needed? If you're interested in supporting this important ministry, please email Kim at ce@hollischurch.org.



Loaves & Lessons Lenten Series: “The Work of Imagination”

Thursday evenings at 5:30 in Hardy Hall

This Thursday, March 5, we invite you to gather for *The Way Is the Process*, a session in *The Work of Imagination* series. Each session will include a homemade meal—with vegetarian and gluten-free options available—followed by thoughtful conversation and reflection grounded in our Lenten theme. Register through this link if you’d like to help prepare meals.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ACAC29A7FF2-61796938-loaves#/>

Special Offering Collection - March 15

We will be taking a special collection on March 15 for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) ministry of the UCC. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities. For more information, see www.ucc.org/oghs.



Horton Center Virtual Info Session for New Campers

March 26, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Horton Center, the outdoor ministry of the NHCUCC, is located in the heart of the White Mountains. It offers a welcoming setting for people of all ages to build friendships, experience inclusive community, enjoy the beauty of God’s creation, and grow in faith together. Curious to learn more or plan a camping trip? Join them for an informative session on March 26 at 6:00 PM! Fill out the RSVP form here: tinyurl.com/newcamperinfo2026.

