

# The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

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*Four Pillars of Our Mission:*

*Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve*

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 13, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Masks and Social Distancing Required  
(Services are being recorded)**

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**All Members of the Church, Ministers**

**The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Lead Pastor**

**Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music**

**WE GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

**Julie Oliver**

**WELCOME**

**Rev. Tanya**

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you. I greet you in the name of Christ Jesus, who breaks down the barriers that divide us. It doesn't matter where you've come from, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Tanya**

We continue our movement through the Lent season this week with another kind of "letting go." This week we lament that so much in life is out of our control. This is frustrating to us and so sometimes we have been tempted to believe the sayings that tell us if we just "think positively," we can turn it all around. Yet our experience tells us that this doesn't always work. Let us turn ladder-climbing toward the expectation of a perfect life into garden-tending, nurturing "what is" and embracing our holy, good enough, lives.

**INVOCATION**

*"Good Enough"*

(Recorded)

*What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?  
Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays, mistakes we made?  
Sometimes we get what we get,  
life disappoints us and yet,  
God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.*

**PRAYER OF APPROACH** *(Based on Psalm 27)*

**Deacon**

Let us pray together:

**Holy One, Our Light and Salvation, we call out to you, sometimes afraid of the adversaries in life. Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths. Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform our frustrations into simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

**THE CHILDREN LEAD US/INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME**

**HYMN**

*Take Time to Be Holy*

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.  
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**TIME OF CONTEMPLATION AND CONFESSION**

**Deacon**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Rev. Tanya**

**Thanks and glory be to God!**

**GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
World without end! Amen, amen.*

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Passing the Friendship Register: please let us know you were here, and if you'd like for us to contact you by including your phone, address or email. Please feel free to take notice of the names of those sharing a pew with you, in case you have opportunity to greet them after the service.

**WE PROCLAIM**

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 27**

pg. 437

**THE WORD IN MUSIC**

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
Diane Fallier – English Horn

arr. Christopher Kraus

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 13: 31-35**

pg. 849

A Word of God that is still speaking,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Accepting the Good Enough: So Much Is Out of Our Control*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER(unison)

**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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

(please refer to separate Announcements page) To initiate Online Giving: Go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>

*Please take a moment to sign our Friendship Register and pass it to your neighbor. If you're visiting with us and would like to be included on our mailing lists for hardcopy or electronic newsletter or remote church information, please be sure to include your contact details. And, as you pass the Friendship Registers, take note of the names of those who are sitting near you and greet them by name following the service if you haven't already.*

### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

### HYMN

*Since the Lord is My Salvation*

Since the Lord is my salvation, Is there anyone to fear?  
As a citizen of heaven why should I feel worry here?  
In a world that's lost and broken and where sin and death abound,  
We rejoice for God has spoken: we are safe, on solid ground.  
God will hide me in the shelter when the days of trouble come.  
Though a war may rise against me, God's own tent will be my home.  
I will trust what God has given, I will trust God's word to me:  
I'm a citizen of heaven and it's what I'll always be.

Even when I hear the warning, "Find a safer, easier way,"  
I'll be faithful in the morning and at noon and close of day.  
As a citizen of heaven, I have nothing I should fear;  
For in Christ, I am forgiven, and I'm called to service here.

You, O Lord, are my salvation; make me strong to live for you.  
May I care for your creation, love the stranger, speak what's true.  
May I share what you have given; may I see each person's worth.  
As a citizen of heaven, make me useful here on earth.

### **A BLESSING FOR WHEN YOU REALIZE EVERYONE IS STRUGGLING**

*Blessed are you who see things clearly, where struggle is everyone's normal. You walk among the fellowship of the afflicted, a club no one wants to join. And while this life isn't shiny, it does come with superpowers. Superpowers of ever-widening empathy and existential courage that gets you back up after another fall and a deepened awe at the beauty and love that can be found amid life's rubble. Like flowers that grow from the cracks in the sidewalk. These virtues blossom in you. And thank God for you.*

*Blessed are all of us who struggle, for we are in good company, and we'll never walk alone.*

### **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**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Deacons this morning are Kevin Duquette and Roger Norian.**

**Please join us** for fellowship and refreshments in Hardy Hall immediately following service.

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