

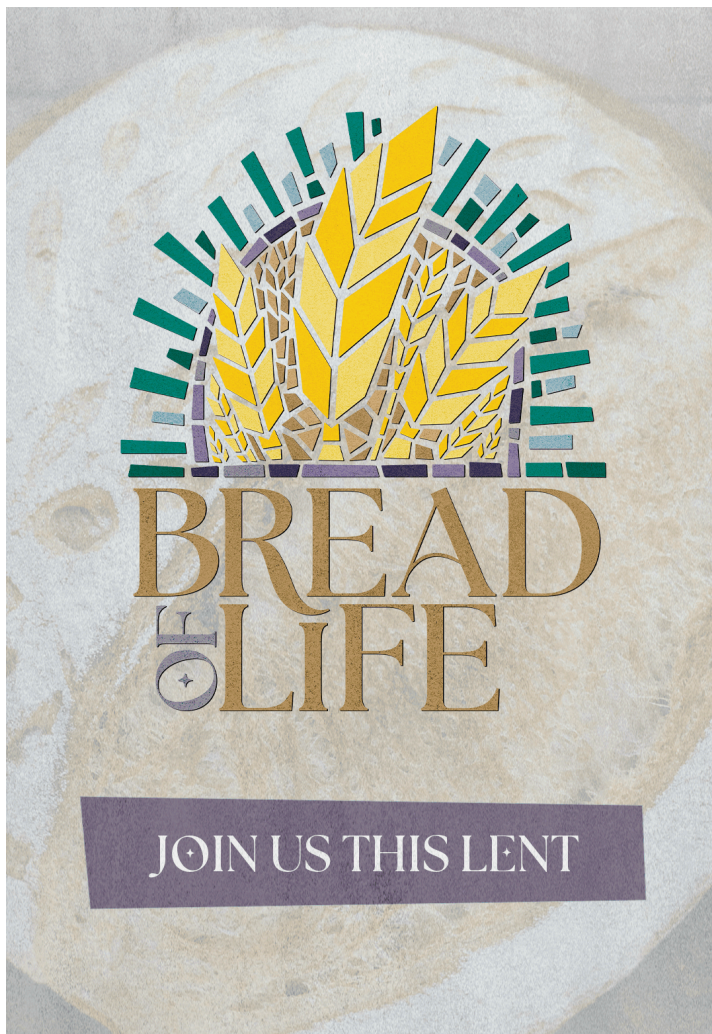
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*Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve*

Second Sunday in Lent

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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.

OPENING REFRAIN

Bread of Life

(video)

CALL TO WORSHIP

DEACON

Calling all who are hungry for the goodness of life!

The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

Come with empty pockets and open hands!

The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

Let us gather from all walks of life, celebrating in unity our common needs and singular purpose.

The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God, our mother hen, we gather beneath your ever-expanding wings to see how you will meet us today. Though we grow and mature, we cannot outgrow your love. Though our belief grows more complex, your mysteries always outpace our imaginations. Help us grow and mature today as we worship, delighting in new understanding and greater depth of meditation. Cause our hearts, empowered by your Spirit, to expand like dough becoming bread. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#72

CALL TO CONFESSION

DEACON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God Most High, who knows the highest heights and deepest valleys of this universe, we confess we have limited your work because of our small thinking.

While you long for the bread of life to expand and nourish all creation, our fears and worries keep us contained.

While you long to create kin(g)doms of peace and reconciliation, we draw lines between us.

While you make space for everyone, we worry about sharing too much or being too vulnerable.

While you search tirelessly for lost lambs, we focus our concern inward on our own issues.

Forgive us for our small perspective, and open our minds to the big ideas you have for our future.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. TANYA

*GLORIA

(Meineke)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-21

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This is a Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Mary McDonald

I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love

Congregation, please join in on the last chorus

Let us break bread together on our knees

Let us break bread together on our knees

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me

SERMON

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

With your guidance and grace, may your kin(g)dom grow.

Amen.

In the silence of this moment, we remember the prayers that have been spoken aloud and offer up those that remain silent in our hearts. [silence]

And now, we join our voices to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING AND PLEDGES—SHARING GOD’S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

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



*** 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**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

#445

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe the kin(g)dom of God is like baker’s yeast,
thorough and unstoppable, spreading and rising over time.
We believe the bread of life is enough for all creation,
enough for the hungry, the weak, and the poor.
We believe Jesus is the bread of life,
broken and shared with all who will receive it.
We believe the bread of life cannot be limited to our finite imaginations.
The bread of life is making all things new. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*** 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 RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

JULIE OLIVER

*** Please stand if you are able.**

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Announcements

The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in appreciation of our emerging Spring. By Addie and Roger Saunders



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Join us Thursdays March 20
March 20 – Meal prep volunteer needed
March 27 – Meal prep volunteer needed
April 3 – Meal prep volunteer needed
April 10

LOAVES & LESSONS
Thursdays | 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOLLIS, UCC

Signup Required — No Drop-ins
Exciting News — Childcare
Now Available!

Loaves & Lessons – Join Us This Lent

Come together for Loaves & Lessons, a time of fellowship, reflection, and learning as we journey through Lent. Each session includes a simple meal, followed by discussion and connection.

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Upcoming Dates & Meal Prep Needs:

March 20 – Meal prep volunteer needed

March 27 – Meal prep volunteer needed

April 3 – Meal prep volunteer needed

Exciting News – Childcare Available

While parents participate, children can enjoy pizza and activities in the Flag Room.

Signup Required – No Drop-ins

To help us plan and adhere to Safe Church Policies, please register in advance.

Volunteer Opportunity

We still need meal prep volunteers for **March 20, 27, and April 3**. If you can help, please email ce@hollischurch.org.

Church Bylaws Information Sessions

We invite all members to participate in upcoming Bylaws Information Sessions as we review and refine our church bylaws. These sessions provide an opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and gain a clearer understanding of the proposed amendments.

Upcoming Information Sessions:

- **Sunday, March 16**
- **Sunday, April 6**
- **Sunday, May 4**



Each session will take place after worship in the church. We encourage everyone to attend and provide input as we work toward bylaws that reflect our current structure and operational processes. Following these sessions, we will make any necessary adjustments before calling a special **Congregational Meeting on June 1** to vote on the amended bylaws.



April Chimes Submission Reminder

Submissions for the upcoming April Chimes are **due by March 15**.

If you have articles, announcements, or updates to include, please send them to admin@hollischurch.org by the deadline.