

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*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26 2023
9:30 a.m.**

(Services are being recorded)

The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.

March 26, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

All Members of the Church, Ministers

The Rev. Robert C. Fellows, Sabbatical Pastor

Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music

PRELUDE

Julie Oliver

GOD'S SPIRIT, LIGHT, AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

Deacons

WELCOME

Rev. Fellows

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Fellows

Sometimes we say that we are a people of dry bones; we are a people without hope.

God says that we shall be raised from our living graves and we shall be filled with Spirit.

Sometimes we say that we are cut off from one another, and our sources of joy are dried up.

God says that we shall be at home with one another and we shall live with celebration.

Sometimes we come to worship aimless and fearful.

Then God reveals wondrous works of love and we come to know God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Deacon

Mother of mercy, we come to you dry and lifeless, seeking your breath of life.

Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with Martha and Mary, we may know you to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

*** HYMN**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deacon

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have often turned to our own way and refused your love and grace.

Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Fellows

*** 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

Rev. Fellows

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Children are invited to come forward.

CHILDREN DEPART As the children and their teachers depart to continue their worship and learning elsewhere, we offer them our blessing:

Congregation: God's love be with you.

Teachers & Children: And also with you.

*** HYMN**

Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You

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SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Psalm 130
Gospel Reading: John 11:1-7, 20-27, 33-45

Deacon
Pg. 500
Pg. 873

Hear the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Can it Be?
Choir; Handbells - Diane Fallier

Arr. Larson

SERMON

Coming to Life

Rev. Fellows

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Fellows

OFFERTORY – SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

To initiate Online Giving: Go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>

*** DOXOLOGY**

*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. Fellows

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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*** OUR COMMON COMMISSION**

Rev. Fellows

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**

*** THREE FOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE

Julie Oliver

*** Please stand if you are able**

The Deacons this morning are Peggy Gilmour and Dot Hyde.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Hardy Hall immediately following service, provided this month by the Mission & Action Board.