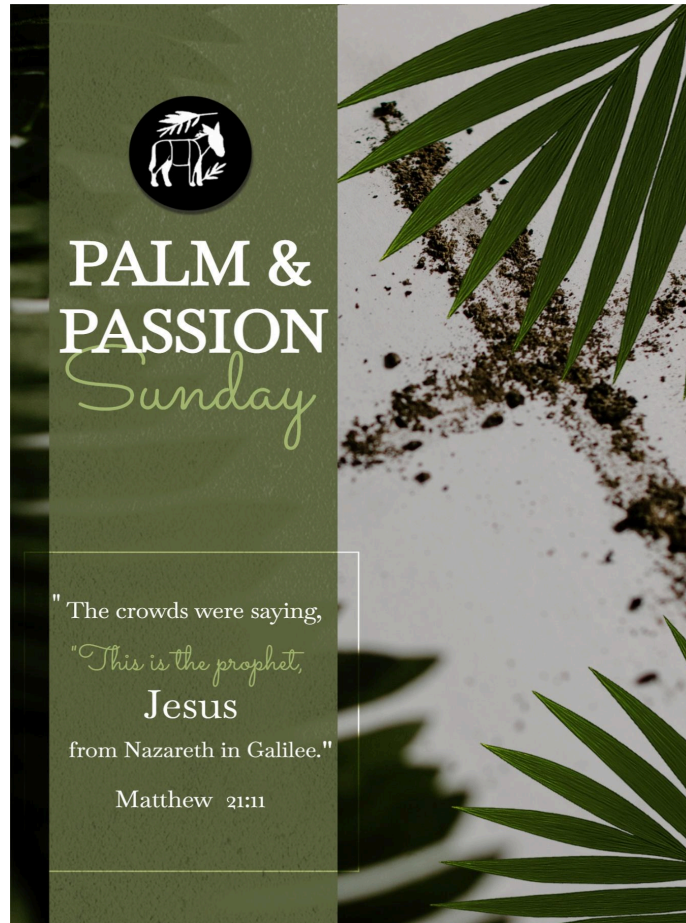


**The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC**  
3 Monument Square, Hollis, New Hampshire  
An Open and Affirming Congregation  
603-465-7797  
[www.HollisChurch.org](http://www.HollisChurch.org)



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

**The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.**  
**March 29, 2026 9:30 a.m.**  
**The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher**  
**Julie Oliver, Minister of Music**  
**Kim Burton, Minister of Faith Formation**  
**(Services are recorded)**

***PALM & PASSION SUNDAY***  
**The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.**  
**March 29, 2026 9:30 a.m.**  
**The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher**  
**Julie Oliver, Minister of Music**  
**Kim Burton, Minister of Faith Formation**

**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    Matthew 21:1-11    REV. TANYA, CHARLES LEWIS, CHOIR**

**\* HYMN**

***"All Glory, Laud and Honor"***

**#178**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**DEACON**

**Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people and the ways of our world in the suffering of the Son and his steadfast love. Show us again the image of humility you desire for us, and teach us obedience, so that self-emptying may be our pathway, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

***"Let the Rocks Cry Out!"***

**Lloyd Larson**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of glory, you are no stranger to humble beginnings and simple places. We know the stories and teachings, yet our hearts remain divided. Forgive us for being so easily impressed with the trappings of power and wealth, and for turning our backs on your quiet, persistent working among those on the margins. Make us aware of the ways we perpetuate lies of worth and value, especially when they elevate privileged people and devalue those whose struggle is real, especially when it is unjust. Move us to focus our endeavors, our appreciation, and our worship around that which you find beautiful and praiseworthy. Help us expand our imaginations to see beauty where you are most glorified. We pray as those seeking to follow the example of your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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**

**Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*“What Wondrous Love”*

**Joyce Vickery**

**AN ACCOUNT OF CHRIST'S PASSION FROM MATTHEW'S GOSPEL**

**SOLO**

*“He Was Despised”*

**G. F. Handel**

**Chris Hyde**

**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](mailto:admin@hollischurch.org).*

**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.**

**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**

**\* HYMN**

*“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”*

**#186**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe Jesus rode into Jerusalem to stir up good trouble—to confront the evil that kept people in bondage. We believe Jesus came as a humble servant to show us how to love. We believe love is sacrificial but not self-destructive. We believe love makes room for others without shrinking oneself. We believe the death of Jesus changed history. Not because it satisfied a bloodthirsty God, but because Jesus demonstrated that God was willing to be weak, to endure pain and death, in order to face down the evils of empire and hate. We believe the death of Jesus changed history because the King of kings, the Prince of Peace, was murdered. Yet, Jesus remains—not a ghost of the past, but a living force that will not bow to empires, past or present. The cross was their last weapon. And still, they could not destroy him. We believe the death of Jesus continues to change history.**

## **\* 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**

**The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Aunt Ruth.  
- With love and remembrance, Donna Roche**

# Announcements

## HOLY WEEK Schedule

MARCH 29  
9:30 AM

### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Join us for Palm Sunday worship with special music and a joyful children's Procession of Palms

APRIL 2  
7:00 PM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Our traditional Maundy Thursday service, including Holy Communion and Tenebrae. The community cross will be draped in black through Holy Saturday.

APRIL 5  
6:15 AM

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Join us at Triple Knoll Farm at 11 Pepperell Road, Hollis. The service traditionally begins about 15 minutes before sunrise.

APRIL 5  
9:30 AM

### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for joyous music from the choir. You are invited to bring cut flowers to adorn the community cross and celebrate Resurrection!



### Easter Flower Orders Due Monday, March 30

You are invited to place Easter flowers in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. A variety of tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths will be available for \$8.00 per plant. Please return the order form and payment to the church office by **Monday, March 30**.

### Food Packing Volunteers Needed Today (March 29)

The Food and Fuel Ministry Team invites you to join us after church today at the Brookdale Warehouse to help prepare for this week's distribution of 40 boxes of food. The food is currently stored in five apple bins at the warehouse. Thank you for your support!

### Decorate the Easter Cross

Families are invited to help decorate the cross outside the church by placing flowers on Saturday evening, April 4, or on Easter Sunday morning. Both biodegradable and synthetic flowers are welcome—come add your touch to this beautiful Easter tradition!



### **Fellowship Hour Help Needed for April**

We're grateful to the Nominating Committee for hosting fellowship hour in April. As a smaller group, they welcome help—please email [nominating@hollischurch.org](mailto:nominating@hollischurch.org) if you can bring food or beverages. Items may be dropped off in Hardy Hall before the service.

### **Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible Camp (Week of July 13-16)**

There's still time to sign up to serve at Vacation Bible Camp! Volunteers are welcome to join in the fun as their schedules allow... One day, two days, every day, a couple hours, etc! Any and all help is always appreciated! Help is needed for:

- Group Leaders for Craft Station, Game Station, STEM/Service Project Station
- Baking snacks
- Set up (Sunday), clean up (Thursday afternoon),
- Floater

If you're interested in supporting this important ministry, please email Kim at [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org).

### **Art Exhibit Featuring Becky Field**

**April 18, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Hardy Hall**

You are invited to join the Immigrant and Refugee Support Team of the Congregational Church of Hollis to view the photographs of award-winning photographer, Becky Field. There will be an artist talk, international foods, and lots of stories that celebrate cultural diversity in New Hampshire.

The opening event will take place on Saturday, April 18, with artist engagement from 2:00–4:00 pm, along with diverse cultural refreshments. The exhibit will also be open on Saturdays (April 25; May 2, 9, 16, and 23) from 10:00 am–2:00 pm.

A free-will donation is appreciated.

### **Mission Trip Update**

*Come Travel with us...*

The Mission Trip Ministry Team is busy preparing for our trip to Hazlet, NJ this July—and there's still time to join us! We currently have four spaces available for teens, college students, or adults.

If you're interested in joining or would like more information, please call the church to connect with our team. A \$100 deposit is required, and the sign-up deadline is May 1.