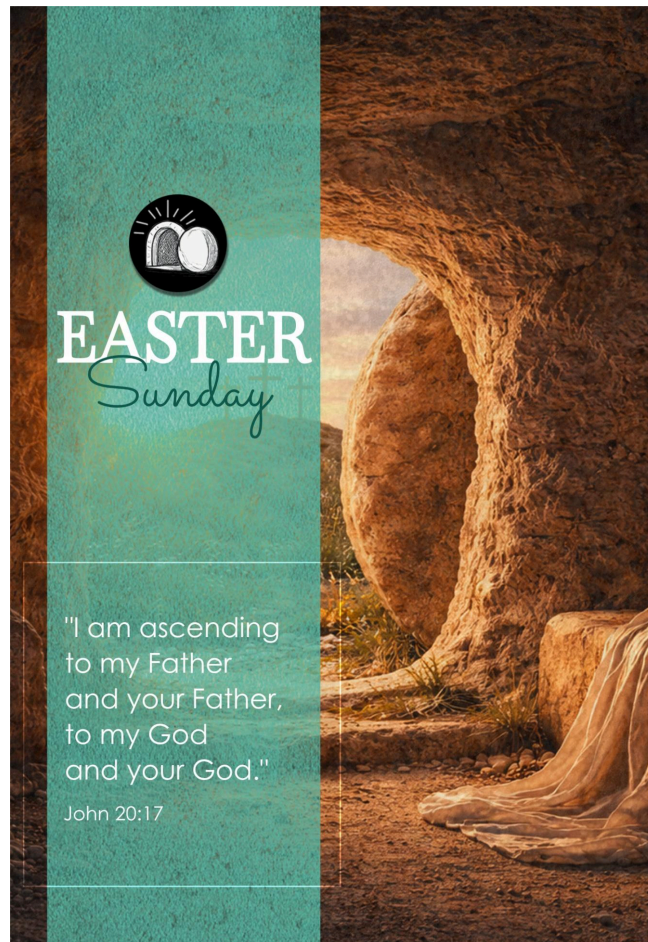


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***Four Pillars of Our Mission:
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April 5, 2026 9:30 a.m.
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(Services are recorded)**

EASTER SUNDAY
THE WORK OF IMAGINATION
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PRELUDE

GOD’S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME

REV. TANYA

Please take a moment to review the announcements in your bulletin.

AN EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP

Arr. Cliff Duren

“Easter Song” - Choir

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs. 1 & 2 (hymn #205) - Congregation

“Worthy is the Lamb” - Choir

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs. 3 (hymn #205) - Congregation

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DEACON

God of life, you breathe resurrection into our world, and you promise that life will triumph over death. On this day of celebration, awaken our spirits to signs of new life and symbols of grace—in our world, in our relationships, and in our own hearts. Lead us by the witness of Mary Magdalene and the faith that drew her to the garden. With her, let us proclaim, “We have seen Jesus!” Give us the courage and the joy to share this good news in word and in deed. We pray this in the name of Christ, who is risen indeed—Alleluia!! Amen.

*** HYMN**

“Thine is the Glory”

#214

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DEACON

God of resurrection power, we confess we have sinned against you, and against others in our orbit. We have clung to futile ideas and behaviors, and buried ourselves in tombs of weak resignation despite the transformative power you showed us in Jesus. Forgive our unbelief and inspire us to imagine life in the glow of resurrection today. In the name of the risen Christ, 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEACON

CHARACTER NARRATIVE

Mary Magdalene

ANDREA WEIR

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18 (pg 882)

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

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Resurrection Joy”

Lloyd Larson

SERMON

“Fulfilling Imagination”

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your fears, your hopes, your dreams.

We lift them up to God.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Holy, Imaginative God, may we believe like Mary, running from this place, shouting, "I have seen the Lord!" For here in this place, we see your image reflected in the eyes of all we made contact with today. We feel your presence in the gathering of your people. We hear your blessing in the voice of our neighbor. Let us not keep silent. But take all we have seen and heard, and share it with those who long to know your peace. Amen.

*** HYMN**

"The Day of Resurrection!"

#216

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the resurrection. We believe in new life and fresh starts. We believe people change and situations change. We believe love and justice can transform the world. We believe Jesus is alive and well, stoking our imaginations to conceive new ways of bringing the kin(g)dom to earth. We believe the good news is food for the hungry, healing for the sick, water for the thirsty, and freedom for all the oppressed. We believe the resurrection of Jesus gives us hope for tomorrow. We will live, work, play, and sleep in holy anticipation for the good things God will accomplish among us as we continue to follow the way of Jesus. We dare to dream, to imagine a better world, made right in Christ.

*** 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**

**Go in peace and gladness. Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Amen.**

REV. TANYA

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

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

JULIE OLIVER

Worship Helpers

Thank you to our Flock members, Nora Ford (greeter, offering), Allie Ford (greeter, offering), Caroline D'Ambrosio (greeter, acolyte), and Eli Weir (greeter, acolyte, reader) for serving as worship helpers this morning! We appreciate their willingness to step in and support our services.

Announcements

Special Worship Service Hosted by IRSM & Guest Preacher, Becky Field

Sunday, April 12, 9:30 AM

Join us next Sunday, April 12, as Becky guest preaches with support from our Immigrant and Refugee Support Ministry Team. We hope you'll come hear her stories and have the opportunity to meet her after worship.

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.

Although the photos will arrive in time for Easter on April 5, there will be a launching Community Presentation on Saturday, April 18 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. **100% of proceeds go directly to aid refugees and asylum seekers currently in detention.**

May Chimes Due April 15

We would love to share your announcements and news in the upcoming *Chimes*. Please email submissions to admin@hollischurch.org by April 15!



Flock Family Pizza Night - Thursday, April 16, 5:15 pm

Thursday, April 16 from 5:15 - 6:30pm will be our final pizza night of the school year. A Signup genius will be emailed to families as it gets closer to the event. Hope you can join in the fun!

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

There's still time to sign up to serve at Vacation Bible Camp! 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, email Kim at ce@hollischurch.org.

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 space 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.

Nashua Immigrant Solidarity Visibility

Join neighbors in Nashua in support of immigrant communities. This group meets every third Monday from 5:00–6:00 PM at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument (Library Hill). The gathering focuses on:

- Advocating for and standing in solidarity with immigrant neighbors
- Educating the community about the Sheriff's 287(g) agreement to collaborate with ICE (learn more about 287(g) below)
- Building awareness and encouraging compassionate, informed action

This effort is organized in partnership with Granite State Organizing Project. For more information or to get involved, contact torim@granitestateorganizing.org or visit www.granitestateorganizing.org.

Understanding the 287(g) Program

The 287(g) program is a federal initiative that allows local law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In practice, this means certain local officers are authorized to perform some immigration enforcement functions.

Concerns raised about 287(g) agreements include increased risk of racial profiling, individuals being detained for minor issues, potential costs to local communities, diverting local resources away from other public safety priorities, limited or insufficient training for officers taking on federal immigration roles, and erosion of trust between immigrant communities and local law enforcement.

These agreements are not permanent and can be ended. Community members who wish to express their views can contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (call **603-627-5610**, or email brian.newcomb@hcnh.gov) and ask that the current 287(g) contract with ICE be reconsidered. This is an issue that many New Hampshire voters care deeply about.

Horton Center News

Souper Saturday & Campfire Song Madness

April 11, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

149 East Side Drive Concord, NH 03301

Horton Center's annual "March Madness" is back, featuring a fun bracket of favorite campfire songs! After close matchups so far, the competition continues as they vote their way toward the finals. The tournament finals will take place during Souper Saturday on April 11th - and they'd love to have you there cheering on your "team"!

Stop by Tad's Place any time between 12pm and 3pm on April 11 for a chance to see camp friends old and new, sing some camp songs, fun camp activities, and eat some delicious homemade soups and breads.

RSVP and learn more about these events at tinyurl.com/soupersaturday26



Horton Center Open House with Optional Overnight Stay - June 13-14

New and returning camp families and friends are invited to experience this overnight option, offering a chance to enjoy all the fun and joy of camp together.

Learn more and RSVP for the event at

hortoncenter.org/camp-sessions/open-house-w%2Foptional-overnight-stay

HC Serves - June 21-25

Intergenerational church groups or individual campers are invited to come and explore the themes of Christian service leadership while practicing community service. Church groups are invited to reach out prior to Easter 2026.

Learn more by visiting hortoncenter.org/camp-sessions/hc-serves