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

**The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.
April 19, 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)**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

“Draw the Circle Wide”

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PRELUDE

JULIE OLIVER

GOD’S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TANYA

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Draw the Circle Wide*

Mark A. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

DEACON

The disciples met the risen Christ as they went about their daily tasks—traveling from one place to another, working, talking, preparing and eating a meal. In these things, they identified a longing and unexpectedly recognized Christ Jesus in their midst.

We have gathered because we, too, going about our daily tasks feel a longing for connection: with God, with others, with our truest self.

We gather in this place where we spiritually encircle the holy table of divine communion. As we join our hearts and voices, may we, too, recognize Christ Jesus in our midst, and continue to draw the circle ever wider.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DEACON

*** HYMN**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

#204

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DEACON

O God, we confess our lack of faith and understanding. Although we have called you the God of hope, we often feel lost, cynical, without hope. The world is full of people on so many different kinds of crosses, we wonder whether there can ever be enough resurrections. Sisters and brothers across this world, nailed to crosses of poverty, injustice, and prejudice. People close enough to touch are sealed in tombs of loneliness and despair.

We confess that collectively, our weaknesses and insensitivities stand in the way of new life in our world. We haven’t known how to halt the crucifixion, or figured out how to roll away the stones. Help us to receive the forgiveness we need, and to forgive others as we accept your Spirit’s movement within us calling us to new life. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

REV. TANYA

*** GLORIA**

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*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

REV. TANYA

The peace of Christ be with you all!

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.**

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEACON

Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

DEACON

Luke 24:13-35 (pg. 860)

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

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Resurrection Victory

Lloyd Larson

SERMON

“Draw the Circle Wide: Ripples of Curiosity”

REV. TANYA

“HOW MY FAMILY FOUND HOME HERE”

BRUCE BOTTAMINI

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.

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/>

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

REV. TANYA

*** DOXOLOGY**

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*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**

The Day of Resurrection!

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*** 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.**

Announcements



6th Annual Community Yard & Craft Sale with Church Bake Sale!

Help make this special event possible! We are looking for volunteers to assist before, during, and after the event:

- Wednesday, May 6 through Friday, May 8 to sort and price donated goods
- Saturday, May 9 to set up, work at the sale, parking/traffic control, clean up and hauling items away afterward
- Donate merchandise (drop off in Hayden Room or M&A collection bins outside the church's front doors now through May 8)
- Donate baked goods (drop off on Friday, May 8 between 10:30 - 2:30 or before sale Saturday morning)

SCAN BELOW
TO VOLUNTEER



You can also rent a space to sell your own crafts, spring cleaning items, or gently used treasures, or contribute homemade baked goods to share. The rental fee is \$25/space, and tables are \$10 each if needed.

Sign-up on the bulletin boards, visit

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FADA82EA4FE3-63566847-community> or scan the QR code above. If you have any questions, please contact Carol at YardSale@hollischurch.org or 603-860-2178.

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to come out, connect with others, and shop for some great finds!

Updates from the Flock:

- 🍕 **NEW DATE** - Our **final Flock Family Pizza Night** for the school year will be held on **Thursday, April 30 from 5:15 - 6:30pm**. Check your emails for the sign up and come join the fun!
- **No Flock Sunday, April 26** due to Spring Break.
- **Flock Adventure Day registration is due April 19**. Grads PreK through 5 are invited to join the fun on **Wednesday, April 29 from 9:00 - 1:00 pm!** This nature-themed Adventure Day will be like a mini-VBC! We will start with a lesson, followed by outdoor fun, activities, crafts, snack and lunch. Email Kim at ce@hollischurch.org with questions.

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.

Horton Center News



- **Horton Center Open House w/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