

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC
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***Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve***

**The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.
April 26, 2026 9:30 a.m.
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher
Julie Oliver, Minister of Music
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(Services are recorded)**

FOURTH 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 world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.
How good it is, how wonderful,
to live together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
Justice and peace join hands.
If Christ’s disciples keep silent
the stones themselves would shout aloud.
Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

SUNG PRAYER OF INVOCATION *“El Shaddai”*

CHOIR

Soloist: Andrea Weir - congregation and choir please join in on the repeated choruses

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai
Age to age You’re still the same
By the power of the name
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkamka na Adonai
We will praise and lift you high, El Shaddai

Names for God: El Shaddai, Elohim, Jehovah, Abba;
Allah, Almighty, Supreme Being, Divine Source;
The Light, The Redeemer, The Creator, The Sustainer;
Yahweh, Lord, Christ, God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

DEACON

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of all, and God of all that is, and was, and ever shall be: you show no partiality, and you have created all of humankind in your own image—yet we are not always so tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, open our eyes to our personal prejudices, and help us to see others and ourselves as you see us, so that we more fully understand your grace and live in the light of it. 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

Spirit of the Living God, open wide our hearts and our minds so that these ancient words, uttered countless times in myriad languages across time and geography, might speak to us uniquely this morning and help to shape our deeper understanding of your work in this world and in our life today. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Acts 10:1-17, 34-35 (pg. 894)

DEACON

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Perry, Perry

SERMON

“Draw the Circle Wide: Ripples of Grace”

REV. TANYA

“HOW MY FAMILY FOUND HOME HERE”

ANITA WALKER

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**

In Christ There is No East or West

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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.

The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in grateful praise for His many blessings. - Nora & Charles Lewis

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)

Volunteer:

To volunteer, sign-up on the bulletin boards, or visit

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FADA82EA4FE3-63566847-community>.


Rent a Space:

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. See our website

(<https://hollischurch.org/community-yard-sale-and-bake-sale/>) to reserve your spot!

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:

-  Join us for **Flock Family Pizza Night on Thursday, April 30 from 5:15–6:30 pm!** This fun and engaging evening will include fellowship for all ages, a hands-on opportunity to learn how to plant milkweed, and a chance to discover more about caterpillars and butterflies. Be sure to check your email for the signup link!
- **No Flock Sunday, April 26** due to Spring Break.
- **Flock Adventure Day is on Wednesday, April 29 from 9:00 - 1:00 pm.** If you are still interested in having your child attend, please reach out to Kim at ce@hollischurch.org to check for any remaining availability.

Finding Home Photo Exhibition

Saturdays from 10:00 - 2:00 pm (April 25 through May 23)

We hope you enjoyed the opening reception for Becky Field's art exhibition, *Finding Home: Portraits and Memories of Immigrants*, this past Saturday. If you weren't able to attend—or would like to spend more time with the photography—you're invited to visit Hardy Hall on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, April 25 through May 23. Donations are welcome and will support refugees and asylum seekers in New Hampshire.

Congregational Church of Hollis Blood Drive
Saturday, May 2, 9:30 - 2:00 in Hardy Hall



Be a HERO and make your appointment today at redcrossblood.org with sponsor code **HOLLISNH**.

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