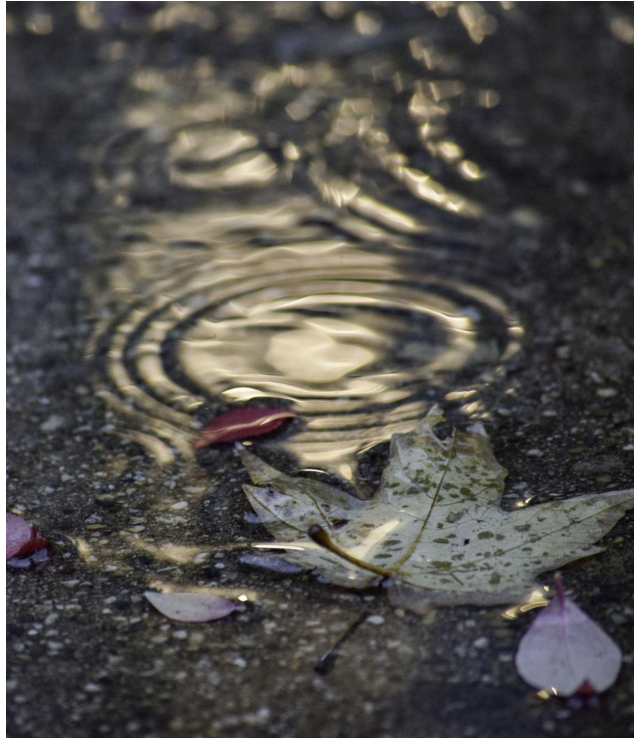


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***Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve***

**The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.
May 3, 2026 9:30 a.m.
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher
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(Services are recorded)**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
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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 & INVOCATION (by Jan Richardson)

DEACON

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast. **Amen.**

*** HYMN**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#39

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Loreto Conroy)

DEACON

For the times we fail to offer hospitality
to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and your people.

For the times we lack courage to address the causes
of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we give in to despair and resignation
when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph
over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

**Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world
caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness, and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of
your suffering people. Support us as we seek to respond in solidarity and with hospitality.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

REV. TANYA

*** GLORIA**

#36

*** 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

**Open our ears, our hearts, and our minds, O God, that we might receive the word of your
wisdom intended uniquely for us this day. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

DEACON

Romans 1:1-17, Contemporary English Version (p. 913)

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come Eat this Bread

Robert Lau

SERMON

“Draw the Circle Wide: Ripples of Hospitality”

REV. TANYA

HOW MY FAMILY FOUND HOME HERE

NORA LEWIS

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/>

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

REV. TANYA

Bountiful are God’s gifts to us. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruits of our labor to God’s service. If you’d like to give electronically, please use the QR code provided in your bulletin or on the screen. As our deacons come forward, our morning offering will be received.

* 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 (liturgy by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, adapted)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you,
And also with you.
Open wide your hearts!
We open them up to God.
Let us give thanks for this time and space,
Giving praise to God for this meal we will share.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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

We celebrate our gratitude, Divine Companion. As this spiritual meal has nourished us, inspire us to feed our neighbors and journey with the lonely. Through our co-creation together, may we spread love throughout our world and extend your hospitality to people in need. Amen.

* HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit

#386

* 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.

Worship Helpers

Thank you to our Flock members for serving as worship helpers this morning. We're grateful for their willingness to step in and support our services.

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



Volunteer:

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FADA82EA4FE3-63566847-community> or scan the QR code above.

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!

Thank you Council for Hosting March Fellowship

Thank you to Council for hosting Fellowship Hour during the month of May. Food and beverages may be dropped off in Hardy Hall prior to the service. If you have any questions, please email council@hollischurch.org.

Finding Home Photo Exhibition

Saturdays from 10:00 - 2:00 pm (Now 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, now through May 23. Donations are welcome and will support refugees and asylum seekers in New Hampshire.

Summer Chimes Deadline May 15

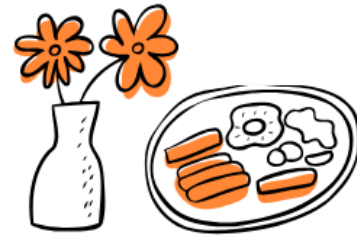
We would love to share your announcements and news in the upcoming Summer *Chimes* edition (June - August). Please email submissions to admin@hollischurch.org by May 15!

Children's Sunday & End-of-Year Brunch

Sunday, May 17

Join us on Sunday, May 17 for Children's Day. This is a special service led by the children celebrating all of their hard work throughout the year. After the service, all congregants are invited to join us in Hardy Hall and on the Squires Patio for a special end-of-year brunch. If you are able, please bring something to share! Outdoor

games/activities are also welcome! We hope to see you at this exciting end-of-year celebration!



UCC Special Collection

May 31

SENT FORTH IN

LOVE



**Strengthen
the Church**

UCC Special Collection May 31

Strengthen the Church: Sent Forth in Love

We will be collecting a special offering on Sunday, May 31 for The Strengthen the Church. This offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries. For more information about this special collection, see

<https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church/>.