

# **The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC**

3 Monument Square, Hollis, New Hampshire

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

**Third Sunday of Easter  
“Freedom to Change Our Tune”**

**Music Sunday**

**May 4th, 2025, 9:30 am**

**All Members of the Church, Ministers**

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**(Services are being recorded)**

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**GOD’S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**PRELUDE**

*Concerto for Oboe*

Cimcrosa

Oboe – Diane Fallier

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**     Psalm 100 (Inclusive Language Psalter: Anglican Church of Canada)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come into the divine presence with a song.**

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;

the One who made us and to whom we belong;

**we are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise;

**give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.**

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;

**and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Faithful God, we greet you with gladness and welcome your presence with our musical song. As we worship, may we feel your Spirit within us and all around us, and may we sense your Cup of Freedom flowing abundantly, empowering us to be your instruments in this world. Hallelujah, you are among us! Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

**#33**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**DEACON**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (based on Psalm 23, by Beth Merrill Neel)

O Lord, you are our shepherd,  
And yet we want.  
We lie down when we could act,  
We stir the pot when we could offer peace,  
We wander tempting paths instead of following You.  
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in You.  
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,  
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.  
We pray for forgiveness, for Your goodness and mercy,  
So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**REV. TANYA**

**GLORIA**

**“Glory to God”**

**#37**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

I invite you to pass the peace, greeting those around you with the joy and peace of Christ.

**A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

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.**

**READING**

**“Rekindle the Gift” by Steve Garnaas-Holmes**

**ED WIGFIELD**

**MUSIC MOMENT**

*There is a River in Judea*  
Ann Siglin, Soloist

John Leavitt

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Acts 16:16-33 (CEV)

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**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

Gwyneth Walker

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

**“Freedom to Change Our Tune”**

**REV. TANYA**

**READING**

*Music* by Ann Porter

**DOT HYDE**

**MUSIC MOMENT**

*The Serenity Prayer*  
Sylvia Eggleston and Matt Kopser

Mark Hayes

## 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)*

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*Kum Bah Yah*

African Folk Song

Handbell Trio – Julie Kopser, Matt Kopser, April Springfield

## OFFERING AND PLEDGES—SHARING GOD’S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

To initiate online giving, go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>



## OFFERTORY

*Gavotte*

*F.J. Gossec*

Violin – Andrea Weir

## DOXOLOGY

#49

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord.  
The life laid down, the life restored.  
Alleluia! Alleluia. Amen.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. TANYA

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your voices to speak of this Great Love!

**We lift them up in joyful acclamation!**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God.

Time after time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, save us.

Especially when our love fails, you are here, steadfast and true.

You created this world and called it good.

You created us to proclaim your good to all.

And so we raise our voices in praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

#### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

And so, on this day of resurrection,  
we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

#### **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.**

#### **COMMUNION IS RECEIVED**

##### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**Holy One, we have met you at this table. Nourished by your holy food, send us out as one people, full of courageous song to shine your light in the shadowy and hurting places of this world. Filled with your grace, show us how to live so that all may know your presence and work in this world, through our activities of hope and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

#### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*God Is Singing*

Joseph Martin

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Sing Praises to God*

#17

#### **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.**

#### **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

\* Please stand if you are able.

# Announcements

## **Bylaws Informational Session**

Bylaws Info & Listening Session will be held in Hardy Hall after worship **this Sunday, May 4**. This is the final session before a **special congregational meeting on June 8** to vote on the Proposed Interim Bylaws.

## **Spring Yard Sale – Donations & Volunteers Needed**

Donate Your Items:

If you're doing some spring cleaning, consider donating gently used items to the church for our upcoming yard sale. We welcome books, housewares, tools, toys, and similar items in good condition. *Please no computers or televisions.*

Drop-off Times: **Tuesday, May 6 – Friday, May 9**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the church

*No donations accepted before May 6.*

Alternate drop-off times can be arranged by contacting Carol.

## **Donate Baked Goods:**

We will have a bake sale tent with coffee and treats during the yard sale. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, May 9, between 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Please contact Carol to coordinate an alternate time if needed.

## **Volunteer to Help:**

We need help with set-up, pricing (Friday), and various tasks throughout the sale on Saturday, including clean-up. Shifts are flexible. Email: [YardSale@hollischurch.org](mailto:YardSale@hollischurch.org)

Phone: 603-860-2178

## **Pop Up Loaves & Lessons Book Reading**

Loaves & Lessons “pop-up” on **Thursday, May 8th**. Please plan to join us at **5:30-6:45 p.m.** for dinner, a bit of book-reading, and meaningful conversation.

The Rev'd. Dr. Deborah Roof, a fellow UCC clergyperson, recently wrote a lovely little (easy-to-read) book exploring the delights and struggles of such a Christ-guided lifetime, entitled: **Words, Wonder, and the Divine in You**. She's going to share parts of her own story and invite us to consider how our own might become more intentional at **Loaves & Lessons**

## **Upcoming Yard, Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, May 10**

Mark your calendars! The Congregational Church of Hollis will host its Annual Yard, Craft, and Bake Sale on Saturday, **May 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the Church & Library Parking Lot. Come browse gently-used household items, one-of-a-kind handmade crafts, and a delicious assortment of homemade baked goods. Proceeds support the church's Food & Fuel Outreach Ministry, which assists local families in need.

How you can participate:

Volunteer during the week leading up to the sale or on the day itself.

Donate items, baked goods, or crafts **(drop-off begins Tuesday, May 7).**

Invite friends and neighbors to join in the fun!

To sign up or ask questions, contact [YardSale@hollischurch.org](mailto:YardSale@hollischurch.org) or check [HollisYardSale.org](http://HollisYardSale.org) for more information. In case of inclement weather, the sale will move inside the church.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Service of Celebration for Robert (Bob) Davison**

**Saturday, May 10th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.**

We will gather in remembrance of Bob Davison, giving thanks for his life and contributions to our community. A reception will follow the service.

### **Church's Mission Trips and service programs May 19th, 6:30 p.m.**

We're excited to announce that a new Ministry Team has been approved, creating an opportunity to revive and reimagine our church's Mission Trips and service programs for both youth and adults! This group will investigate a variety of hands-on mission possibilities in marginalized communities, as well as train and support those who want to participate in a trip or event. This was a previously successful and fun group from 2000 – 2019. If you are interested in learning more, please join Tonda

Davies and Amy Zapp, on May 19th, 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will be getting together to begin the plan toward renewing this treasured tradition in our faith community for our teens and adult mentors.