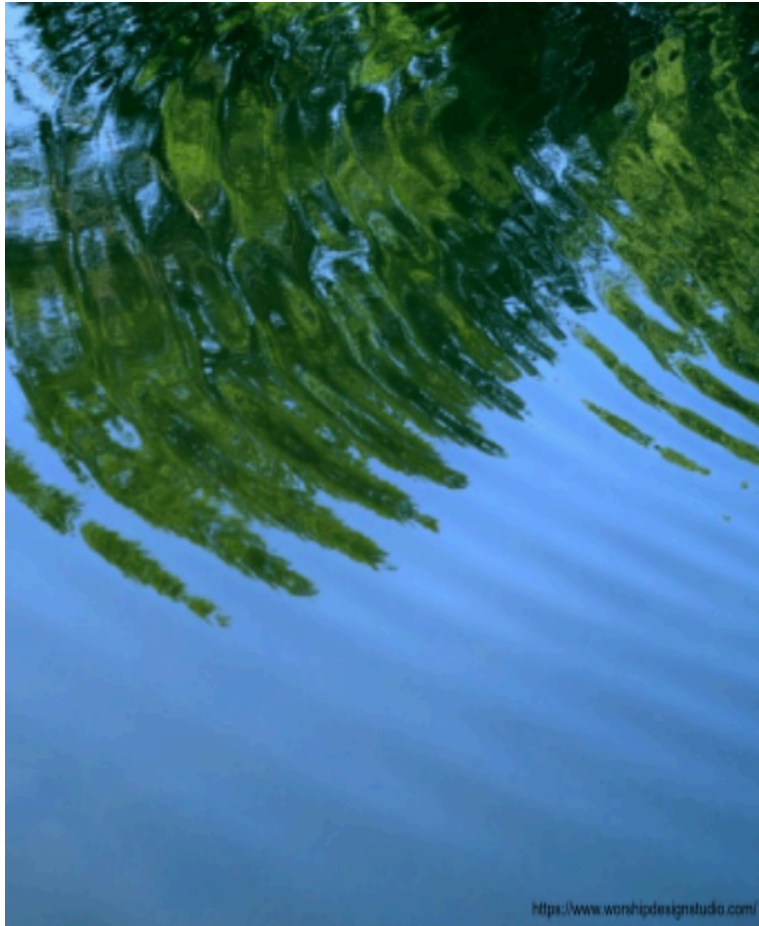


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***Four Pillars of Our Mission:  
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve***

**The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.  
May 10, 2026 9:30 a.m.  
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher  
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(Services are recorded)**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

**“Draw the Circle Wide: Ripples of Reconciliation”**

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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**

A love that never ceases,

**A creativity that designed the universe,**

A hope that cannot be quenched,

**A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:**

These are the things that are of God.

**Then let us worship this amazing God!**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**DEACON**

**God of the Ages, Creative Mother-Father of all that was, and is, and ever shall be:**

**All praise and glory for the magnificence of this complex world belong to you! And yet, you have chosen to trust us as co-stewards of your creation, inviting us to learn the art and practice of lovingkindness, compassionate care, and disciplined attentiveness. Stay present with us as we continue our learning, and guide our actions so that your Spirit flows freely through our efforts. With hope in your vision of a kin-dom where no one is hobbled by want, and we each gladly share from our abundance, and there is no suspicion or resentment between us. In the spirit of your son, our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\* HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**#7**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**DEACON**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**DEACON**

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**REV. TANYA**

**\* GLORIA**

**#36**

**\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**REV. TANYA**

**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**

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

**DEACON**

**Luke 2:27-35, 41-51 (pg. 833)**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*O Sing a New Song (Psalm 96)*

**Warren Angell**

**SERMON**

**“Draw the Circle Wide: Ripples of Reconciliation”**

**REV. TANYA**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**DEACON**

*For privacy reasons, we are not publishing our prayer list names on our website. If you are worshipping 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).*

**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**

**#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**

\* HYMN

*God, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*  
(Song of Simeon - Nunc Dimittis)

#166

\* 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.

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## Announcements



### **Yard Sale & Bake Sale Gratitude**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of yesterday's Community Yard Sale and Church Bake Sale! From organizing and donating items to baking, setting up, tearing down, etc, your time and effort made the day truly special. We are grateful for your generosity and the spirit of community you helped create.

### **Celebration of Life for Patricia Cordell**

**Saturday, May 16, 2:00 PM at the Congregational Church of Hollis**

We are saddened to announce the passing of Patricia Cordell. A ceremony honoring her life will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception at the church. Memorial donations can be made out to the Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC.

### **Becky Field's art exhibition, *Finding Home: Portraits and Memories of Immigrants***

**Saturdays from 10:00 - 2:00 pm (Now through May 23)**

You're invited to visit Hardy Hall over the next three Saturdays—May 9, May 16, and May 23—from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a friend, family member, or share this opportunity with others who may be moved by these powerful stories. 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](mailto: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**

**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/>.