

**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.  
May 17, 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)**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

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

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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**

**FLOCK**

Beloved of God, we are here because God's love has called us to gather as a community of love.

**God calls us at every age, from every corner, to gather.**

Children of God, let us playfully worship together,

**worshipping God who made each of us unique, and loves all of us.**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

**\* HYMN**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

**#327**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**FLOCK**

**God of All the Ages and Lover of All Peoples, we thank you for this day, for caring for us beautifully in this time. We praise your name for the gift of children in our lives and in our community. Forgive us for times when we discount their voices, and when we fail to teach them and learn from them about You. Help us share your story with one another, so that we may remember your love written on our hearts. Remind us to follow children, as they lead us to living the kin-dom way. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**REV. TANYA**

**\* GLORIA**

**#36**

**\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**REV. TANYA**

The peace of Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

**READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE**

**Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (page 147)**

**FLOCK**

**Psalm 8, CEV (page 427)**

**FLOCK**

**Matthew 18:1-5 (page 799)**

**FLOCK**

**Matthew 19:13-15 (page 800)**

**KIM BURTON**

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

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED: A PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL AT WORK  
THROUGH THE FLOCK**

**SKIT: FILL THE WORLD WITH PEACE**

**SONGS**

**IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE - MARK WEIR, CARLI FORD**

**SLIDE SHOW**

**TEACHER/HELPER APPRECIATION - KIM BURTON**

**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).*

**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**

*He's Got the Whole World*

**#97**

**\* 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.

**Flower Dedication**

*The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in celebration of the 92nd birthday of Sally Philbrick, Liz Gilbert's mother.*

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Thank you to all of our children and youth who led us in worship today. Your presence, voices, and service brought our celebration to life!

A special thank you to all the nursery and Flock volunteers and to the Faith Formation Ministry Team. I appreciate all your time and work - whether it be with the children in the classrooms or behind the scenes. You've helped make these programs run smoothly—and make them full of fun! We appreciate each and every one of you!

**Flock & Nursery Volunteers/Teachers**

Maddie Barich	Hannah Burton	Melissa Sage
Britta Bergeron	Cassidy Engle	Allison D'Ambrosio
Linnea Bergeron	Irene Norian	Audrey Hertenstein Perez
Annalise Walle	Andrea Weir	Kristen Miggiaccio-Walle

Julie Oliver (for singing with us on Sundays!)

**Faith Formation Ministry Team**

Carli Ford	Hannah Mason
Cameron Fowler	Mark Weir

# Announcements

## **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 two Saturdays—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.



## **Children's Sunday & End-of-Year Brunch Sunday, May 17**

We are excited to celebrate the Flock on Sunday, May 17! After the service, everyone is invited to join us in Hardy Hall and on the Squires Patio for a special end-of-year brunch.

## **Final Flock - Sunday, May 17**

This is the final Flock session for the program year. Details for summer Flock Days will be sent out shortly!

## **Do You Feel Called to Serve the Flock?**

If you have questions, feel curious, or would like to learn more about sharing your time and talents with The Flock, please email [ceboard@hollischurch.org](mailto:ceboard@hollischurch.org), or speak with our CE Board members after the service. We would truly love to connect with you.

## **Blessing of Graduating Seniors - May 31**

On Sunday, May 31, we'll have a moment of celebration and prayer of blessing for all of our graduates. If you'd like us to highlight your graduate, please email that information (school, degree, future plans) to [admin@hollischurch.org](mailto:admin@hollischurch.org) by May 24 to be included in the bulletin.

- Everett Burton (son of Kim and John Burton) will be graduating from Hollis Brookline High School on June 6, 2026. He will be attending Nashua Community College for the automotive program. We wish him all the best!
- Eli Rasmussen (son of Joel and Tanya) will graduate from Cambridge University (England) with a M.Phil. degree in Development Studies. He will work for Raedas Consulting, Ltd. in London.

## **Guest Preacher May 24 - John Pfeifer**

We are pleased to welcome John Pfeifer as our guest preacher on Sunday, May 24. Many of you know John from his recent service as Sexton here at the church, and we are grateful for the care, dedication, and hard work he shared with our congregation during his time with us. We look forward to hearing his message and welcoming him back to worship with us.

## **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/>.