

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

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Four Pillars of Our Mission:

Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve

Faith Formation & Christian Education Sunday

May 22, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Masks Optional and Social Distancing Encouraged
(Services are being recorded)**

The CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOLLIS, U.C.C.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**All Members of the Church, Ministers
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor
Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music**

PRELUDE

Julie Oliver

THE SPIRIT, LIGHT, AND WORD PRECEDE US IN WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Tanya

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you. I greet you in the name of Christ Jesus, who breaks down the barriers that divide us. It doesn't matter where you've come from, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim Burton, Linnea & Charlotte

Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our awesome God!
Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our loving Christ!
Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our enlivening Spirit!

*Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,
Dare to dance again!*

O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy!

*Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,
Dare to dance again!*

This is the call!

The sun breaks through the clouds.

We lift up our heads to meet the day.

We know that God is at work in our lives.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

And when rain comes again, we will open our umbrellas set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**Kim Verrecchia****Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –**

Let us be open to learn from the dances of others. Open us to new steps for a new day. When we are fearful, and that fear inhibits us from doing your will, please forgive us and fill us with courage to love others as you have loved us: without counting the cost, and with great joy. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you –so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**Hannah**

Friends, this is what Jesus Christ wants us to know and believe: that we are loved, with all of our strengths and all of our weaknesses or growing edges. God's gracious love forgives us and invites us to dare to dance again! **Thanks and glory be to God!**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end! Amen, amen.*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Beloved, having been reconciled to God, let us share the peace and joy of that relationship with one another! Those of you joining us remotely, please type a greeting in the YouTube Live chat feature with your name and greeting to others if you haven't already. Here in the Meetinghouse, please greet those who are joining us remotely with a wave to the camera (at the back of the Meetinghouse), and then greet those around you with words of peace and connection.

CHORAL ANTHEM:*A Joyful Noise***J.N. Bank****SCRIPTURE READING****John 15:9-15** (*The Message* translation)**Josie**

[Jesus said to his followers:] "I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love. "I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you."

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NRSV)**Kenzie**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY

*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

CLOSING SONG

I Hope You Dance

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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

SUNG RESPONSE

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

Deacons this morning are Dot Hyde & Ann Siglin.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Hardy Hall immediately following service. For remote worshipers desiring virtual fellowship, please click [here](#) to join via Zoom, the meeting ID is 755502991 and the password 837130.

Worship Notes:

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