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

**The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.
May 31, 2026 9:30 a.m.
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher
Julie Oliver, Minister of Music
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(Services are recorded)**

TRINITY SUNDAY
CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES
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PRELUDE

JULIE OLIVER

GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TANYA

CALL TO WORSHIP

DEACON

Friends and families of every stage, come and worship the Creator.

God created all cycles of life, all moments of growth, all endings and beginnings.

Newborn babies to older generations: come and celebrate life's milestones with delight and awe!

Whether crawling and babbling or participating with maturity, every stage is welcome in the family of God.

Jesus knows how it feels to grow, learn, and develop through life.

We follow the one who came as a baby, grew as a child, and lived as an adult.

Friends and families of every stage, come and worship together!

Let us worship together, in Spirit and in truth. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DEACON

God of all generations, we gather today to worship, celebrate, and remember your faithfulness.

By your grace, we have arrived at this day, and we take this moment to reflect upon the many blessings and hardships that brought us here. As we prepare our hearts and minds to worship, we cannot help but bear witness to where we have been and the challenges we have overcome.

We cannot help but look forward with hope, knowing your work is not yet accomplished.

Our futures are not yet written, but our paths are secure, for you are our shepherd, and you guide us into life and love. We gather to worship, remember, acknowledge, and reflect. May your Spirit attend to our thoughts and dreams, and may we find courage among your people today. Amen.

*** HYMN**

Come, Thou Almighty King

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CALL TO CONFESSION

DEACON

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Lover. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DEACON

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three-in-One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands—not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land—not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

REV. TANYA

*** GLORIA**

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*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

REV. TANYA

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEACON

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

DEACON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a (pages 1-2)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (pg. 944)

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

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Walk with Me

Patrick M. Liebergen

SERMON

“Farewells and Fresh Beginnings”

REV. TANYA

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.

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**

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*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**

O God in Heaven

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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

*** CHORAL AMEN**

POSTLUDE

JULIE OLIVER

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements

Blessing of Graduating Seniors - Sunday, May 31

Today, during worship, we'll take a moment to celebrate and offer a prayer of blessing for all of our graduates. We give thanks for this milestone and pray for God's guidance and joy in all that lies ahead.

- **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 technology program.
- **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.
- **Alexandra Bottamini** (granddaughter of Bruce Bottamini) is graduating from Notre Dame Academy in Worcester and will be attending Providence College in Rhode Island with a major in business.
- **Nate Loosian** (son of Brett and Kate Loosian, grandson of Roger and Irene Norian) will soon graduate from Arlington, MA High School and will attend the University of Florida in Gainesville for their pre-med program.
- **Cassidy Engle** (daughter of Tanya and Patrick Engle) is graduating from The Academy for Science and Design and will be going to Pace University to study for a Degree in Nursing and play soccer. She plans to pursue a career as a pediatric nurse.



Music Sunday - June 7

Join us on Sunday, June 7, for Music Sunday as we celebrate the gift of music in worship. Special music will be shared throughout the service, and we invite all to come and enjoy this joyful morning of praise and fellowship.

All-Boards Meeting - June 7, 11:30 am

Join us after worship for our annual gathering to celebrate the past year's ministry, look ahead to the 2026–27 program year, and coordinate upcoming activities. All Board, Committee, and Ministry Team members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in learning more about opportunities to get involved is also warmly welcome.

Do You Feel Called to Serve the Flock?

We are currently in need of volunteers to support our younger children's Flock group on Sunday mornings beginning in the fall. Whether you feel called to help regularly, occasionally, or would simply like to learn more, we would love to connect with you. Please email ceboard@hollischurch.org if you're interested in volunteering.



Volunteers Needed for the Hollis Strawberry Festival!

Sunday, June 28, 2 - 4 pm on Squires Patio and the Town Common

Our church will be co-hosting the Strawberry Festival with the Hollis Town Band this year. We need YOUR help to make this year's event a success!

- **Friday, June 26:** Strawberry hulling party in Hardy Hall from 9am-12pm
- **Saturday, June 27:** Shortcake Baking in the kitchen, 9am-12pm
- **Sunday, June 28:** Festival Day! The Festival is from 2-4pm on the town common (at HB Middle School in the event of rain), but set-up begins at 12pm. We'll need volunteer dessert order takers, servers, runners from kitchen to Hardy Hall, and more.

[Use this link to sign up to volunteer](#) or scan the QR Code, and join us in making our own Sweet Memories! In addition to volunteers, we are also gratefully accepting donations to help support this year's Strawberry Festival. Contributions will go directly toward the cost of strawberries, shortcakes, whipped cream, and other dessert ingredients. Your generosity helps keep the festival affordable and enjoyable for everyone who attends. If you'd like to support the festival in this way, we welcome and appreciate your gift.



Email StrawberryFestival@hollischurch.org or call the Church Office (Eileen), Carol Birch or Kimber Harmon with questions!



A Semiquincentennial Celebration: Our Nation's 250th Anniversary - Sunday, July 5, 9:30 AM

On Sunday, July 5, our church family will gather for a once-in-a-lifetime occasion as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary. We invite the wider community to join us for a special worship service centered on gratitude, remembrance, and hope, followed by a church-wide potluck luncheon. As we give thanks for the generations who came before us and the community we continue to build together, we hope you will join us in celebrating 250 years of faith, freedom, and God's enduring goodness.

Maintenance Needed for The Adam Verrecchia Memorial Community Garden

The AVMCG Memorial Garden has long been a sacred and meaningful space within our church community. We would love to continue to care for this special space together as a congregation.

If you feel called to help tend the garden, we invite you to sign up for whichever task(s) and date(s) work best for you.

Learn more about the garden here: <https://hollischurch.org/avmcg/>

Sign up through the QR code or this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CADAE23A4F58-63736951-garden>

