

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

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Four Pillars of Our Mission:

Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

9:30 a.m.

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

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

PRELUDE

Julie Oliver

GOD'S SPIRIT, LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR 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.

INTROIT

For the Beauty of the Earth
Bell Choir

Kocher

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Tanya

Ezekiel has a vision of a valley full of bones receiving life, breath, sinew, and flesh after encountering the word of God. When they arise, they receive Spirit and they dance! As Easter people we celebrate the Spirit that continues to give life and breath to our dry bones. We dare to dance in the face of fear, in the face of cynicism, in the face of despair. We dare to dance "as long as we live" for we, like the early Christians, are the recipients of the Spirit of God which intercedes even when we think we can't make it to the dance floor.

*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!*

The day of Pentecost has arrived and calls us to dance – to dance in the wind and fire of the Spirit, to feel, to allow exuberance to fill our bodies and souls. With those in Jerusalem on that day, may we dare to dream – to imagine – to let our breath be taken away – and to dance!

*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 flames of the Spirit are beckoning.

We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Our focus is on the future and what we might do together.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

When rain comes again, we will open the umbrellas of joy and set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

HYMN

When in Our Music God is Glorified
(Congregation to stand and join on vs. 5)

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PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Deacon

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – Praise to you for your indwelling Spirit that moves within our lives. 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

Rev. Tanya

Friends, hear the gospel message Christ Jesus came to make known: Every life is precious to God, whose love is both so humble and so great that it accepted the vulnerability of human flesh, submitted to a cruel death, and conquered death’s power by rising to New Life and inviting us into the sacred dance. **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.

ANTHEM

And the Father Will Dance
Hollis Choir

Hayes

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-12, 14

pg. 704

Acts 2:1-4, 43-47

pg. 885

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

SERMON

Even Dry Bones Will Dance

Rev. Tanya

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord is My Shepherd
Sylvia Eggleston, Dot Hyde & Ann Siglin

Goodall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Spanish Love Song
Diane Fallier, flute

traditional

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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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

The invitation to Holy Communion comes from God in Christ, and all who wish to receive the grace offered at this table fellowship are welcome. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice.

THE GREAT PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Jesus is with us!

With us now and forever!

So lift up your hearts and voices!

We lift them up to God!

Let's join in thanks and praise!

How right it is to do this together!

Holy Living One, you transformed a whole lot of nothing into this amazing creation. You breathed life all around and called it good. You invited us to the wonder of it all and when we could not face you, you turned us around. You keep bringing us around and around, time and again, offering the chance to join the freedom-dance.

And so we join with the glorious chorus of saints past and present, singing a never-ending hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy! God of power and might, everywhere we see your glory! Blessed are they who come in your name. Hosanna! Alleluia! Amen!

Indeed, you are holy! And blessed is your son Jesus, Anointed One, Liberator, Dance Partner, Sibling, Friend. Jesus sat at tables with those who had no place and offered fulfilling food for bodies and souls. And on the night when he would give all love for us, he sat at the table with extended family— just as he hosts this table here and now with this extended family.

He offered the usual prayers of thanks to you, God, over bread and cup, and then disrupted the gathering with uncustomary words:

“Take and eat this bread—it is my body given for you. Whenever you gather around the table together, remember me.

“Take and drink from this cup, each and every one—it is the sign of a new covenant, (for business-as-usual is over and done and the dance goes on). This love is poured out for all people. Whenever you gather around the table together, remember me.”

And so, my friends, we remember. And we believe:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Pour out your Spirit upon us now! Pour out your transforming presence on the gifts of this body and the gifts of this bread and fruit of the vine. May they be for us your life and love, uniting us as one body—Christ’s body—for the sake of loving the world.

All glory to you, Living Presence, Holy One, Holy God, through Jesus our Christ and the Holy Spirit our Advocate. **Amen.**

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.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

Please come forward by pews. You may eat the bread when you are ready; please hold the cup until all have received so that we might drink as one body. You’re invited to dine – and to dance. The table extends beyond this physical space and into the space of the Spirit that unites us.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Loving God, you have fed us generously at this table, as we have remembered Jesus and rejoiced that he is with us today. We are ready now to follow him, and to be your people in the world. May your Holy Spirit show us the way, make us holy and fill us with love. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

I Hope You Dance
Hollis Choir

arr. Lojeski

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.

SUNG BENEDICTION

Go in the Grace of the Lord
Matt Kopser

recorded

POSTLUDE

Deacons this morning are Jenna Dakalovic, Keith Hamer & Jessica Marchant.

Worship Notes:

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