

# **The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC**

3 Monument Square, Hollis, New Hampshire

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

**Summer Service**

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**All Members of the Church, Ministers  
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Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music  
(Services are being recorded)**

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**PRELUDE**

**GOD’S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP** **DEACON**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** **DEACON**

*Please take a moment to review the announcements in your bulletin.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **DEACON**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** **DEACON & CONGREGATION**

We come before you, O God, and wait for the kindling flame of your Holy Spirit, calling us into fuller and richer lives. You have blessed us by the night’s rest and by morning’s light. Open us to your claim on us. Show us your way. Let us live in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\* HYMN** *All Are Welcome* **#S1**  
(in front of hymnal)

**\* PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD** **REV. LEAF**  
The peace of the risen God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 10:22-30 (Page: 873) **DEACON**  
Hear God’s word to us for today, from the ancient words of Holy Scripture.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore* **Hurd, B/Keil, K**  
**Flute - Marje Hogan**  
**Oboe - Diane Fallier**

**SERMON** **“Belonging”** **REV. LEAF**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** **DEACON & CONGREGATION**

*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)*

Let us pray.

Let us pray for those who weep and for those who cause their weeping;

**Hear our prayer, O God.** *[brief silence]*

For those who are without food, clothes, and a place of shelter;

**Hear our prayer, O God.** *[brief silence]*

For those who live without hope and meaning;

**Hear our prayer, O God.** *[brief silence]*

For those who live as the objects of the whims of others;

**Hear our prayer, O God.** *[brief silence]*

For those who are fooling themselves;

**Hear our prayer, O God.** *[brief silence]*

For those who live with wars and rumours of wars;

**Hear our prayer, O God.** *[brief silence]*

For those who distort the good news of the gospel;

**Hear our prayer, O God.** *[brief silence]*

For those who make gods of things and of themselves;

**Hear our prayer, O God.** *[brief silence]*

Finally, we join our voices to say the prayer that Jesus taught us:

### **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.**

**INVITATION TO SHARE FROM OUR ABUNDANCE**

**REV. LEAF**

### **OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES—SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD**

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**OFFERTORY**

**JULIE OLIVER**

**DOXOLOGY**

**#45**

*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. LEAF**

**\* HYMN**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**#429**

**\* 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. LEAF**

**\* THREE-FOLD AMEN**

**#291**

**POSTLUDE**

**\* Please stand if you are able.**

# Announcements

## **Rev. Tanya on Vacation**

We would like to let you know that Rev. Tanya will be on vacation from June 11 through July 11, 2025. During this time, we are grateful to have the following pastors and leaders providing pastoral care and leading our worship services:

## **Pastoral Care Coverage:**

June 11 – June 26: Rev. Catherine Merrill

June 27 – July 11: Rev. Judy Bryant

## **Worship Services:**

June 15: Rev. Leaf Seligman

June 22: **Joint service with Brookline Community Church at Lake Potanipo, (Rev. Catherine Merrill)**

June 29: Traci Weaver

July 6: John Pfeffer

We give thanks for these gifted leaders who will support our community during this time, and we wish Tanya a restful and renewing vacation.

## **Guest Preacher & Worship Leader – Sunday, June 15,**

We are excited to welcome **Rev. Leaf Seligman** as our guest preacher and worship leader. Her sermon, titled “**Belonging**,” will explore the power of restorative practice, inclusion, and connection, especially for those who have felt marginalized. Drawing from her recent work in peacemaking and learning circles, Leaf brings a message rooted in compassion and the transformative call to live in the right relationship.

## **All-Boards Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, from 6:30 pm in Hardy Hall.**

Our Church Council is inviting **EVERYONE** in our Congregation to attend the **All-Boards Meeting on Tuesday, June 17**. This is a great opportunity to learn about how our church does all the wonderful things we do, who plans events, manages the budget, organizes Sunday School, etc. This will also be a working meeting with an opportunity to talk about accomplishments, to gather support for new ideas, and to deconflict dates and activities with the focus on the upcoming 2025-2026 church program year.

You don't have to be a Board/Committee/Ministry Team member to attend – everyone is welcome! Come and hear about what's happening in your church, contribute your ideas, and meet a group of welcoming folks!

### **Caring Cooks – Volunteers Needed!**

We are currently looking for **individuals or families** who would be willing to **cook and deliver a meal** to local families in need.

If you would like to sign up to help, you can do so easily using our **Sign-Up Genius link by scanning the QR Code**

This is a wonderful opportunity to provide care and support to members of our community during times of need.



### **Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Needed!**

Last year's VBC was filled with joy, laughter, and the growth of our children's faith — and we're excited to do it again!

**VBC runs July 21–24, 9 AM–1 PM**, and we are looking for volunteers to help create another amazing experience. Whether you can give **1 day or all 4**, every hand helps.

No experience required — just a heart to serve.

To volunteer, contact **Kim at [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org)**.

### **Join Us for a Special Worship Service at Lake Potanipo Sunday, June 22nd, 2025**

**9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Lake Potanipo, 3 Mason Road, Brookline, NH**

Join us for a joint worship service with Brookline Community Church on the shores of beautiful Lake Potanipo! Bring a chair and enjoy worship in the fresh air and shade. Parking is available nearby — guest passes will be provided. Please do not park on the boat ramp.

**In case of rain:** The service will be held at Brookline Community Church, 2 Main Street, Brookline, NH.

**Please note:** This will be an **in-person only service**.

### **Upcoming Community Event – Hollis Strawberry Festival**

**Sunday, June 22, 2025 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Monument Square, Hollis, NH**

The much-loved **Hollis Strawberry Festival** is coming up soon! Join the Hollis Woman's Club and the Hollis Town Band for this sweet annual tradition that brings our whole community together. Enjoy an afternoon of **live music, homemade strawberry shortcakes, ice cream, sundaes**, and good company on the green. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate summer, support local scholarships and programs, and connect with neighbors and friends.

### **Want to get involved?**

The organizers always welcome extra hands to help with setup, serving, and clean-up — a great way to contribute and be part of this cherished event. If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to the Hollis Woman's Club or let us know, and we can connect you with them.

**Bring your family, friends, and a picnic blanket** and come enjoy the music of the Hollis Town Band in the heart of Hollis!

**In case of rain**, the festival will be held indoors at **Hollis Brookline Middle School**.

**Celebration of Life Service for Lorin Rydstrom on Saturday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m.**

Please join us as we gather to honor and celebrate the life of Lorin Rydstrom, a beloved member of our church and wider community.

Lorin's gentle spirit, steadfast presence, and thoughtful contributions to the life of our congregation touched many hearts over the years. This service will be a time to remember, give thanks, and reflect on the many ways Lorin enriched our lives with his kindness, humility, and quiet strength.

All are welcome to attend this Celebration of Life in the sanctuary, followed by a time of fellowship and remembrance. Let us come together in love and gratitude as we remember a life well-lived and deeply cherished.