

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

The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.

June 28, 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)

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP
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PRELUDE

MEGHAN WARREN

CALL TO WORSHIP

MATT KOPSER

*** OPENING HYMN**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

#503

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

DEACON

Christ is with us.

Yes: Christ is in our midst.

Let us pray.

O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. We ask you to make your presence known here among us today. Hear the confessions of our mouths and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us as we strive to expand our vision and diminish the pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace. May we humbly receive and recognize your many gifts, and faithfully use them to accomplish your work. May your spirit so inspire our worship and work that it has energy and integrity, always manifesting your holy presence in our lives. We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal One, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE GRACE

MATT KOPSER

GLORIA *(spoken, not sung)*

**Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*** SHARING THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRIST**

MATT KOPSER

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEACON

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your word be shown. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DEACON

Ecclesiastes 4:8-12 NIV (pg. 538 in pew bibles)

2 Timothy 4:1-5 NIV (pg. 968 in pew bibles)

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

Thanks be to God.

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**DEACON**

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.

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

To initiate online giving, go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>

**OFFERTORY***** DOXOLOGY****#45**

*Praise God for love we all may share.
Praise God for beauty everywhere.
Praise God for hope of good to be.
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION****MATT KOPSER***** CLOSING HYMN***Bless Now, O God, The Journey***(See Insert)***** 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****MATT KOPSER***** SUNG AMEN****POSTLUDE****MEGHAN WARREN**

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

Announcements

Welcome, Guest Worship Leader, Matt Kopser and Guest Accompanist, Meghan Warren!

Please join us in welcoming our guest worship leader, Matt Kopser, and guest accompanist, Meghan Warren, as they share their gifts and talents. We are grateful for their leadership in worship and the opportunity to experience their ministry with us.



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.

To further your research on our church's history, read *Congregational Church of Hollis Celebrates 250 Years of Faith and Freedom*, by Kimber Harmon.

(<https://hollisbrooklinenews.org/congregational-church-of-hollis-celebrates-years-of-faith-and-freedom-p12478-692.htm>)



Hollis
**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL
& BAND CONCERT**

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28 | 2-4 PM

**AT THE HOLLIS
TOWN COMMON**

RAIN: HB MIDDLE SCHOOL

Join us for this beloved community tradition! Featuring fresh strawberries, strawberry shortcakes, strawberry sundaes, and ice cream. Hosted by the Hollis Town Band and the Friends of the Hollis Strawberry Festival at the Congregational Church of Hollis and the wider Hollis community. Bring your loved ones, a picnic blanket, and a smile—enjoy strawberry shortcake, ice cream, and sundaes while listening to the sounds of the Hollis Town Band. We hope to see you there!



2026 Horton Center Pen Pal Program

This summer, our church is participating in Horton Center's Summer Staff Pen Pal Program!

We will be paired with Julia from their Program Staff and will receive weekly postcards from June 21 through August 2, sharing about their adventures, the people they meet, and their experiences of God at Horton Center. Throughout the summer, we will display and share their postcards so that everyone can follow along with their experiences and keep them in our prayers.

We invite you to sign up to send a postcard of encouragement, a prayer, church news, or a note about your own summer experiences. We hope to have at least one postcard sent each week, but multiple postcards are welcome!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549AEAB2FA5FFCE9-64579288-sign>

Or Scan QR Code:



Mail Your Postcard to:

Horton Center
PO Box J
Gorham, NH 03581



You can also browse the bulletin board to sign up in person and learn more about our Pen Pal, Julia.

Thank you for helping us support our Horton Center pen pal and this important ministry.

Summer Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 - 12:00 pm from now until the week of August 24. Please remember that hours are subject to change to accommodate holidays, vacations, and staffing fluctuations. Call before you stop by or make an appointment (603-465-7797).