

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

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Four Pillars of Our Mission:

Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

9:30 a.m.

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

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

All Members of the Church, Ministers

The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor

Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music

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 draws us together as one Body, inclusive of all our varied stories and journeys. It doesn't matter where you've come from or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

CENTERING PRACTICE

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,
God's holy name be praised.

On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,
God's holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,
God's holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,
God's holy name be praised.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.
Amen. We praise the Lord!

HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

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PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Deacon

O God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday, and not to covet tomorrow, but to accept the uniqueness of today. (Silence)

By your love celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son, brought close by your Spirit, take from us what we need to carry no longer, so that we may be free again to choose to serve you and to be served by each other. (Silence)

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us.
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I believe that God forgives and sets us free.

We believe that God forgives and sets us free; and at the day's beginning, we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls and to loving one another. Amen!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 48

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, ²beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. ³Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense. ⁴Then the kings assembled, they came on together. ⁵As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight; ⁶trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, ⁷as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. ⁸As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. [*Selah*] ⁹We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. ¹⁰Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. ¹¹Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments. ¹²Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, ¹³consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation ¹⁴that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

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

REFLECTION BY ONE AND MANY

CHORUS

Seek Ye First (a capella)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(from the Native American Indian tradition)

Lord, make our hearts places of peace and our minds harbors of tranquility.

Sow in our souls true love for you and for one another; and root deeply within us friendship and unity, and concord with reverence. So may we give peace to each other sincerely and receive it beautifully.

(from the Salvation Army)

Lord, give to all those people who have authority over others the wisdom to govern well, and the grace to know in their hearts that nothing is firm which is not just, and that the test of justice is to turn people from following after evil to seek what is good.

(from the Scottish Celtic tradition)

God, kindle within our hearts today a flame of love for our neighbors; for our foes; for our friends; for our people; for the brave; for the cowardly; for the thoughtless ones. O Son of the loveliest Mary, in all that we love may we serve you, from the lowliest thing that lives, to the name that is highest of all.

(from the Church in Ghana)

O Lord our God, listening to us here, you accept also the prayers of our siblings in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, the Americas, and Europe. We are all one in prayer. So may we, as one, rightly carry out your commission to witness and to love in the church and throughout the world. Accept our prayers graciously, even when they are somewhat strange. They are offered in Jesus' name.
Amen

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Let us pray.

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving, culminating with the words: "...be united with you, *Christ Jesus, and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.*"

In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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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

POSTLUDE

Deacons this morning are Dot Hyde & Roger Norian.

Worship Notes: Liturgy and leader parts from Wild Goose Worship Group, A Wee Worship Book, Morning Liturgy E (36-42).