

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

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Four Pillars of Our Mission:

Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 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

GOD'S SPIRIT, LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

WELCOME

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!

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**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

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!

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! ²My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. ³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. ⁴Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. [*Selah*] ⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. ⁶As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. ⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. ⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! [*Selah*] ⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. ¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹²O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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

BUTTERFLY READING

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. And now we pray using the words that he taught us:

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.

OFFERTORY

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***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

VBS SLIDESHOW

BUTTERFLY PRESENTATION

Lee Harper

***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**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now, and forevermore. Amen.

Deacon this morning is Kevin Duquette.

We are grateful to Kim Burton, Kim Verrecchia, and Lee Harper for their preparation and leadership of this service.

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Worship Notes:

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