

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.

July 26, 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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Justin McCarthy, Guest Organist

PRELUDE

JUSTIN MCCARTHY

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TANYA

*** HYMN**

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

S5

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

REV. TANYA

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

REV. TANYA

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 READING(S)

DEACON

Genesis 29:15-28

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46, 51-52

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

SERMON

“Rachel’s Realization”

REV. TANYA

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**

REV. TANYA

*** CLOSING HYMN**

I Would Be True

#472

*** 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

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

*** POSTLUDE**

JUSTIN MCCARTHY

Announcements

Summer Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 - 12:00 pm through 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).

Worship at Rocky Pond

August 2 | 9:30 am

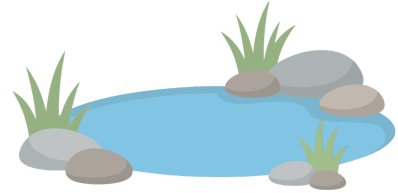
5 Samuels Way, Hollis, NH

We invite everyone to come worship at Rocky Pond on Sunday, August 2 at 9:30 am. The service will be led by Peggy Gilmour and Ruth Kabel in Rev. Tanya's absence. Rev. Tanya will be leading worship at Chocorua Island Chapel on Squam Lake and will bring greetings from our congregation to theirs. Our Holy Communion will be recognized the following Sunday, August 9.

Be sure to bring a chair or other items to help keep you comfortable during the service.

In the event of rain, the service will be held at the Congregational Church of Hollis.

Parking at Rocky Pond is limited. The closest spaces will be reserved for those with mobility needs. Others are encouraged to carpool or park along the road.



Help Feed Local Families Through Grow Nashua

Did you know the donation station outside our church helps provide fresh, healthy food to local families experiencing food insecurity?

The donation station is a place where you can leave fresh, homegrown or store-bought vegetables for your neighbors. Everything is lovingly collected, sorted, and tended to seven days a week by Grow Nashua volunteers to ensure the produce remains fresh and welcoming before being shared with families who rely on it, along with seasonal recipes to help them prepare healthy meals at home. You can find the donation station located outside the church (near the Adam Verrecchia Garden). **Donations will be collected up until Sept 11.**



Scan the QR code or **visit this link** (<https://www.grownashua.org/lil-veggie-givers>) to learn more about Grow Nashua's community food programs.

2026 Horton Center Pen Pal Program

We've been enjoying postcards from Julia, our Horton Center Summer Staff Pen Pal, sharing updates about camp life and God's work throughout the summer. There's still time to participate! We invite you to send Julia a postcard with words of encouragement, prayers, church news, or a note about your own summer. *Visit the bulletin board to sign up and to read the latest postcard from Julia!*

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



National Night Out (Hosted by Hollis PD)

August 4 | 4:00 PM @ Nichols Field

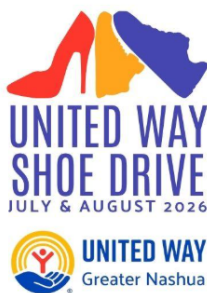
Come spend the evening with the Hollis community and stop by the church booth for fun children's activities!

Flock Adventure Day - Sunday, August 9

The Flock will meet during the worship service on Sunday, August 9. Children can be dropped off in the Flagg Room and nursery just before the service begins.

Summer Fellowship Hour

We always enjoy fellowship time with one another after Sunday services. During the summer months, we invite individuals and families to help by providing simple refreshments such as fruit, muffins, or juice. If you'd like to sign up for a specific Sunday, please email admin@hollischurch.org. We'd love to have you help make this time of fellowship possible!



United Way Shoe Drive - July & August

Help make a difference by donating new or gently used shoes to the United Way Greater Nashua Shoe Fund. Donated footwear helps provide essential shoes for local individuals and families in need while also supporting global micro-enterprise initiatives. Donations are being accepted through **August 31**. To learn more or make a financial contribution, visit the Greater Nashua Shoe Fund campaign page: <https://givebutter.com/greater-nashua-shoe-fund>.