

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

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Four Pillars of Our Mission:

Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 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

Jenna Dakalovic

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**

Gather Us In (recorded)

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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 86

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ²Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; ³be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. ⁴Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. ⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. ⁷In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. ⁸There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. ¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. ¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. ¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. ¹⁴O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. ¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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

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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. 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**

***CLOSING CHORUS**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (recorded)

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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**

Jenna

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.

***POSTLUDE**

*All who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God by Monica Alvarez.

Deacon this morning is Ann Siglin.

We are grateful Jenna Dakalovic for her preparation and leadership of this service.

Worship Notes:

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