

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.

August 9, 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
with Holy Communion
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PRELUDE

JUSTIN MCCARTHY

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TANYA

*** HYMN**

As We Gather at Your Table

#314

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

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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (pg. 30)

Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 796)

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 worshipping virtually and would like a copy of the prayer list, please send a request to the church office at admin@hollischurch.org.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

REV. TANYA

INVITATION

REMEMBERING

You met us in the wilderness with manna, in the forty-day desert with angels, in the night of betrayal with a feast.

Whenever we went astray, You came for us and brought us home.

And you sent us Jesus, who longed to gather us like a hen safeguards her chicks; who told us the truth about life and its dangers, about the man set upon by robbers, left for dead, and the enemy stranger who cared for him and became his neighbor.

Jesus told us to be neighbors, too: to have no fear in welcoming and tending, to be ready at our doors with a light.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We ask you, Holy Spirit, to bless this bread and cup, love made food for our safety and consolation. As we eat and drink together, fill us with hope and make us brave. Keep us, like Christ, beside our doors, holding a light, saying to every shadowed stranger: Here, right here, come in. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to say:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Who is like you, Gracious One? There is no one like you, our feast and our song, our safety and our story, our hope and our peace. There is no one like you. Thank you, now and always. Amen.

* HYMN *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult* (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5) #304

* 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

* SUNG 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).

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.

September Chimes Deadline - August 15

We would love to share your announcements and news in the upcoming September *Chimes* edition. Please email submissions to admin@hollischurch.org by August 15!

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!

Strawberry Festival Leftovers for Sale!

Please help free up space in the church freezer and close the books on the Strawberry Festival.

We still have a limited supply of Strawberry Festival favorites available:

- Quart bag of Brookdale/Lull sliced/sugared berries – **\$14**
- Shortcake (homemade--serves 6; only 1 left!) – **\$3**
- Hayward's of Milford! - premium Vanilla ice cream – **\$7/quart**



Combo Discount Deals:

- Shortcake & berries – **\$16**
- Ice cream & berries – **\$20**
- Shortcake, ice cream & berries – **\$22**

Stop by the church during summer office hours (Tuesday–Thursday, 8:00 am–12:00 pm). Additional pickup times can also be arranged by email to: strawberryfestival@hollischurch.org. Cash, check or card accepted (card payments available with office staff during office hours).

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.



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>.

Cybersecurity and Avoiding Scams - August 25, 2:00 PM at the YMCA of Greater Nashua

Protect yourself from online, email, text message, and phone scams by learning how to recognize common fraud, safeguard your personal information, and know what to do if you've been targeted. [Register here](#) to join United Way of Greater Nashua and YMCA for *Cybersecurity & Avoiding Scams*, a free workshop designed to help you protect your personal information and use technology more confidently. This free session will be offered on **Tuesday, August 25, from 2:00–3:30 PM at the YMCA of Greater Nashua, 24 Stadium Drive, Nashua.**