

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

August 17, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

All Members of the Church, Ministers

The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher

Justin McCarthy, Guest Organist

(Services are being recorded)

SUMMER SUNDAYS, 2025
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PRELUDE

JUSTIN MCCARTHY

GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TANYA

*Please take a moment to review the announcements in your bulletin.
(Highlight any appropriate announcements, invite others to speak.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

DEACON

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DEACON & CONGREGATION

We come before you, O God, and wait for the kindling flame of your Holy Spirit, calling us into fuller and richer lives. You have blessed us by the night's rest and by morning's light. Open us to your claim on us. Show us your way. Let us live in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** HYMN**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

REV. TANYA

The peace of the risen God be with you.

And also with you.

I invite you to pass that peace with joy, greeting those around you and those joining us remotely!

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

DEACON

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

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Luke 12:49-56

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Hear God's word to us for today, from the ancient words of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

REV. TANYA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEACON & CONGREGATION

Prayer List: Nancy Bell, Dick & Nancy Birch, Don & Ginny Brooks, Shirley Coleman, Margaret Cuddeback, Louise deMontigny, Susan Gorham, Robin Hills, Drew Mason, Don & Judy McCoy, Nancy Phillips, Dick & Doris Rafferty, Lorna Rupert, Nanci Rydstrom, Ann Siglin, Jan Travasos, Susan Vautin, Bill & Dee Wagner.

Let us pray.

Let us pray for those who weep and for those who cause their weeping;

Hear our prayer, O God. *[brief silence]*

For those who are without food, clothes, and a place of shelter;

Hear our prayer, O God. *[brief silence]*

For those who live without hope and meaning;

Hear our prayer, O God. *[brief silence]*

For those who live as the objects of the whims of others;

Hear our prayer, O God. *[brief silence]*

For those who are fooling themselves;

Hear our prayer, O God. *[brief silence]*

For those who live with wars and rumours of wars;

Hear our prayer, O God. *[brief silence]*

For those who distort the good news of the gospel;

Hear our prayer, O God. *[brief silence]*

For those who make gods of things and of themselves;

Hear our prayer, O God. *[brief silence]*

we pray in Jesus' name, and now with the words he taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO SHARE FROM OUR ABUNDANCE

REV. TANYA

OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES—SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

To initiate online giving, go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>



OFFERTORY

JUSTIN MCCARTHY

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. TANYA

*** HYMN**

For All the Saints

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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

*** THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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POSTLUDE

JUSTIN MCCARTHY

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements

Ice Cream Social – August 20 at 4:00 PM

Join us for a sweet end-of-summer celebration hosted by Faith Formation!

As we gear up for the new school year, we're excited to welcome all our children back to church and into a new season of learning, growth, and fun. Come enjoy creating your own ice cream sundae and reconnecting with friends and families in our community.

All are welcome—bring your appetite and your smiles!

Support the Lil' Free Farmstand – Donations Needed!

The Lil' Free Farmstand is now open behind the church, and we need your help!

The Congregational Church of Hollis is partnering with Grow Nashua to support local families with fresh vegetables this summer. From July 7 through the first week of September, please bring your garden or store-bought veggies to the donation station next to the shed and Verrecchia Memorial Garden (behind the church).

Donations are picked up daily between 8:00–11:30 a.m.

Let's come together to support food justice and nourish our neighbors!

For more information: www.grownashua.org/share

Thank you for being part of this effort to feed our wider community