

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 23, 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)

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PRELUDE **JULIE OLIVER**

WELCOME **REV. TANYA**

CALL TO WORSHIP **REV. TANYA**

***OPENING HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* **#445**

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 PATRI** **#36**

***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**

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 (pg. 43)

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON **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

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

#481

*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

*POSTLUDE

JULIE OLIVER

Announcements

Fall Office Hours

Fall office hours will begin the week of August 24. The church office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 3:30–5:30 p.m. Rev. Tanya will also be holding weekly Pastor's Office Visitation Hours on Tuesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

We welcome feedback from the congregation regarding when you most often need to connect with administration. This feedback will help us better understand the needs of our church community as we move forward with the proposed schedule.

Please remember that office hours are subject to change to accommodate holidays, vacations, and staffing fluctuations. Please call before stopping by or make an appointment: 603-465-7797.

Homecoming Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks – September 13

Join us for Homecoming Sunday on September 13 as we come back together in worship and fellowship. We'd also like to send students/adults back to school and work with our prayers and blessings! Everyone is welcome to bring a backpack or work bag to receive a special blessing.



Following worship, we'll enjoy a potluck brunch. Please bring a favorite dish to share—whether it's a family recipe, a seasonal treat, or something simple to contribute to our table of abundance. This is a wonderful time to reconnect after the summer, share in fellowship, and welcome one another back into the life of the church community.



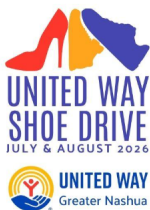
Borderlands Journey Trip: November 7–15, 2026

Join The Compassionate Listening Project for an immersive journey to the Arizona/Mexico border region. Participants will hear directly from migrants, advocates, Border Patrol agents, tribal members, ranchers, and others affected by immigration and border issues.

Additional details sent after registration, which is **due September 7**. Early registration is encouraged as the balance is due several days prior to departure and there are a limited number of discounted spots available for those needing financial support.

Learn more and register at [The Compassionate Listening Project's Borderlands Journey page](https://www.compassionatelistening.org/borderlandsjourney) (<https://www.compassionatelistening.org/borderlandsjourney>).

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>.

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 (10 left) – **\$14**
- **Discount:** Two quarts of berries - \$27
- Shortcake (homemade--serves 6; only 1 left!) – **\$3**
- Shortcake & berries – **\$16**



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).

Blood Drive - Saturday, September 12, 9:30 - 2:00 pm

Our church will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, September 12, from 9:30 - 2:00** in Hardy Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to support a lifesaving effort that directly benefits our wider community. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS and use sponsor code **HollisNH**. Thank you for helping us share the gift of life.

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.



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.**