

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC
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***Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve***

**Summer Service
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August 30, 2026 9:30 a.m.
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Julie Oliver, Minister of Music
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(Services are recorded)**

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PRELUDE

JULIE OLIVER

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TANYA

***OPENING HYMN** *Come, Living God, When Least Expected* **#4**

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

***CHORAL GLORIA** **#36**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end! Amen! 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 READING

DEACON

Exodus 3:1-15 (God calls Moses) (pg. 44)

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

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**

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

#485

***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**

Announcements

Fall Office Hours

The church office will now 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.

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>).

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



Our church will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, September 12, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm** 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.



Pickleball Tournament - September 12, 9:00 - 3:00 pm @ Hollis Tennis Courts

Registration is now open for the Pickleball Tournament, hosted by the church and Hollis Recreation! Gather your team and sign up today. We're also looking for a few volunteers to help with scoring and timing during the tournament. Visit <https://hollisnh.recdesk.com/Community/Program> to register.

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>.



Adults Revisiting Confirmation (ARC) Class

First & Third Thursdays of the month, starting September 17

7:30 pm, Zoom

Join Rev. Tanya for *Adults Revisiting Confirmation* (ARC), a virtual adult faith formation course designed for grown-ups who want to revisit and explore some of the faith content traditionally covered in our church's confirmation program for teens. Come as you are and take this opportunity to deepen your connection with God, yourself, and one another. Whether you're revisiting familiar ideas or discovering something new, all are welcome! Information about participating and accessing the Zoom link will be shared in the weekly bulletin before each class meeting.



Fall Community Square Dance

at the Congregational Church of Hollis

October 16, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and dancing at our upcoming Square Dance in Hardy Hall! Enjoy an evening of music, dancing, and good company. Food will also be provided. More details to come!

We're looking for a handful of volunteers to help with event setup and cleanup, as well as anyone interested in helping plan or promote the event. Please email admin@hollischurch.org if interested!