

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 31, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

All Members of the Church, Ministers

The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher

Julie Oliver, Minister of Music

(Services are being recorded)

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PRELUDE

JULIE OLIVER

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**

How Firm a Foundation

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*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

REV. TANYA

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

DEACON

Jeremiah 2:4-13

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Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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

SERMON

"Holding Fast to that Which Is Good"

REV. TANYA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEACON & CONGREGATION

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. 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

JULIE OLIVER

DOXOLOGY

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*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. TANYA

* HYMN

*Jesus, Savior, Lord to Thee I Fly (Saranam, Saranam)
(translated: I take refuge) Trad. Pakistani*

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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

JULIE OLIVER

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements

Homecoming Sunday – September 7

Join us for Homecoming Sunday on September 7 as we come back together in worship and fellowship. 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

The Flock Returns – September 7

We are excited to welcome back The Flock on Sunday, September 7th! After a summer break, our children's program will return with joy, energy, and learning for our youngest members. Join us as we gather in worship, celebrate Homecoming Sunday, and kick off a new year of faith formation together.

IRSG Meeting – September 7

The Immigration, Refugee, and Sanctuary Group (IRSG) will meet on Sunday, September 7th 11.30am in Emerson Chapel. All are welcome to join us as we discuss upcoming projects and opportunities to support our wider community. We encourage everyone to attend, share ideas, and learn more about the important work IRSG is doing.

Get Involved at Hollis Church

There are so many ways to share your time and talents here at the Congregational Church of Hollis! We have a variety of ministries and teams that would love to welcome new faces this year:

- AV Team – Help run sound, slides, and livestreams during Sunday worship.
- Caring Cooks – Prepare meals that bring comfort and care to members of our community.
- Mission Trip Ministry – Join in supporting our youth and adult service trips.
- Food Fuel Ministry Team – Assist in providing food and essentials to those in need.
- Christian Education (C.E.) – Support children, youth, and adult learning and growth.
- Upcoming Events – Volunteer at seasonal gatherings like the Christmas Fair, Old Home Day, and more.

There is always an opportunity to get involved. Think about taking on a role this year and being part of one of the many wonderful ministries and events in our church life.

Pickleball Tournament – Register Now Scan the QR Code

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13th!

Hollis Recreation and The Congregational Church of Hollis are excited to host our first-ever Pickleball Tournament.

Registration opens August 1st.

Space is limited to 18 teams—so be sure to sign up early!

This is a wonderful opportunity for fun, fellowship, and community connection. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, all are welcome to join in!



GREATER NASHUA CROP Hunger Walk:

“We walk because they walk.” This is our 41st year!

The walk will take place on Sunday, October 19, 2025, beginning and ending at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street in Nashua. Registration is from 12 to 1pm with opening ceremonies at 1pm and stepping out at 1:30pm. Those who raise all their money online don't need to register and can grab lunch before coming at 12:45. Registration and celebration are in the TBA parking lot, weather permitted.



You can start your own team (just indicate what faith community you are connected to) and raise money online. Here is the website link:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/nashuanh>. You can also find us on Facebook; just search for Nashua Cropwalk.

In 2024 we had 29 faith communities or teams and some unaffiliated folk as well. There were more than 350 people at the walk. We are a very large walk now that we have merged with Souhegan. ***We ranked #1 in New England and #17 in the country! We raised \$54930***, which resulted in ***\$3433*** to each of our 4 recipient agencies.

They are:

Corpus Christi food pantry

Nashua Soup Kitchen

St James of Merrimack Food Pantry

Share Inc of Milford

This year, our goal is to raise at least \$56,000.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/nashuanh>

If you can't walk, be sure to sponsor a walker, or make a team donation. We can also always use volunteer help at the event if your feet aren't made for walking!

For any questions or to volunteer please contact Becky Green at nashuacropwalk@gmail.com.