

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

**The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.
September 13, 2026 9:30 a.m.
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher
Julie Oliver, Minister of Music
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(Services are recorded)**

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

“Where Are We Going?”

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PRELUDE

JULIE OLIVER

GOD’S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TANYA

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TANYA

We seek a way through this confusing life. We seek truth in the midst of so much confusion. We seek life when there is so much death around us.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

Philip requested, “Jesus, show us God and we will be satisfied.” We long to see God, too.

Jesus said, “Whoever has seen me has seen God . . . I am in God and God is in me.”

We want to know what to do with our lives. We want to know what we can do that really counts.

Jesus said, “The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do, and in fact, will do greater works than these.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DEACON

*** HYMN**

“Come, Gather”

Mark Patterson

See Insert - Congregation join in on refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DEACON

Merciful God, we admit that our hearts are often troubled. We have looked for the way in our own achievements and sought the truth in our own certainties. We have hoarded our time and our resources, fearing that your house did not have enough room for us. We have stood still when you called us to move, and we have strayed from the path of generosity. Forgive us for losing sight of the Way. Clear our vision, steady our hearts, and lead us back to the life that is found in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

REV. TANYA

*** GLORIA**

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*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

REV. TANYA

A MOMENT FOR ALL AGES

REV. TANYA

Children are invited to come forward to join Pastor Tanya at the front. At the conclusion, we bless them as they depart with the words...

And now as you depart to continue your learning and worship somewhere else, we offer you our blessing:

[Congregation]: **God's love be with you.**

[Teachers and Children]: **And also with you.**

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEACON

God of the Way, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As we travel this Journey to Generosity, open our hearts to the divine wisdom that dwells within these ancient texts. By your Holy Spirit, clear away our distractions and our fears so that we may hear your voice still speaking today. Give us minds to understand your promises and the courage to live them out, that we might find the Life that is truly life. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

DEACON

John 14: 1-14 (pg 877)

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Let All the People Praise

setting by Joel Raney

SERMON

"Where Are We Going?"

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. 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/>



INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

REV. TANYA

* 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

Holy Architect of our Lives, we offer these gifts as signs of our journey. We admit that it is sometimes easier to trust the maps we make for ourselves than the Way you have set before us. Take these resources—our money, our time, and our very selves—and use them to build the many rooms of your kingdom. May our giving be a light that helps others find their way, and may it lead us now to the fullness of your Table. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (liturgy by Mary Luti, adapted by tnsr)

INVITATION

REMEMBERING

We remember, Gracious God, that from the beginning you desired that we life and not die, thrive and not wither, find company and not be alone. 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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE DISTRIBUTION AND GATHERING

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**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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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. TAN

*** CHORAL AMEN**

POSTLUDE

JULIE OLIVER

*** Please stand if you are able.**

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.

Please note that Tanya will be away Monday–Wednesday this week attending the NHCUCC Clergy Convocation for continuing education and will not be available for Tuesday's drop-in hours. She is available by appointment on other days.

Homecoming Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks – September 13

We welcome everyone back together in worship for this special Homecoming Sunday! Backpacks and work bags will receive special blessings during the service.

Following worship, we'll enjoy a potluck brunch downstairs in Hardy Hall. 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.



Adults Revisiting Confirmation (ARC), Virtual Class

First & Third Thursdays of the Month at 7:30 PM

Sept 17 Topic: *What's This All About? (Recognizing Our Story)*

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!

Join us Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 pm by visiting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82973949357>, or enter the meeting ID **829 7394 9357** on your Zoom app.

Join Us at Hollis Old Home Days - Saturday, September 19

You can help us reach out and connect with the Hollis community at our church booth at Old Home Days. There are 3 ways to participate:

1. Help Set Up the Booth on Saturday morning.
2. Visit the Booth for an hour: Say 'Hi' and greet members of the Hollis community during the day
3. Help Break Down the Booth Saturday at 5pm



Let us know when you are available - reach out to admin@hollischurch.org, or follow the QR code to a SignUpGenius (R) page to join in the effort.

Compassionate Listening Workshop
Sunday, September 27 after worship in the Emerson Chapel

Join us for this special workshop, facilitated by Dr. Joel Berman and Nancy Jo Chabot, as we explore five core practices:

- Cultivating Compassion for ourselves and others;
- Developing the Fair Witness by remaining open and working with triggers in conflict situations;
- Respecting Self and Others by developing boundaries which protect yet include;
- Listening with the Heart – allow divergence and find a deeper point of connection;
- Speaking from the Heart with language that reflects a healing intention.



Make a Difference with Caring Connections

Bring light, love, and companionship to someone in need by volunteering with the Caring Connections Ministry.

By giving just one hour during the week or a few times each month, you can offer meaningful company and support to someone in our community.

To volunteer, call or text Beth Harper at (603) 320-1257. Please leave your name, phone number, and email address, and we will get back to you.



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!

We're excited about the possibility of hosting a Fall Community Square Dance, but **this event can only happen with the support of volunteers!**

The church has secured the **venue** in Hardy Hall and a **Square Dance Caller**, but now we're looking for a group of people who are willing to help plan, organize, and carry out the event. **If you're interested in helping, please contact admin@hollischurch.org** so we can coordinate with everyone who is willing to be involved.

Skilled Volunteers Needed: Habitat for Humanity Greater Nashua Manchester

Habitat for Humanity Greater Nashua Manchester is seeking skilled volunteers to join its Critical Home Repair Team. Use your construction and repair skills to help local homeowners stay safe, independent, and in the homes they love. Flexible, ongoing opportunities are available throughout the Greater Nashua-Manchester area. Make a real difference in our community—learn more and apply today at HabitatGNM.org/Volunteer.

Greater Nashua CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Starting @ Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond St, Nashua, NH

Join the 42nd Annual Greater Nashua CROP Hunger Walk!

Registration is 12:00–1:00 p.m. (TBA Parking Lot), with opening ceremonies at 1:00 p.m. and the walk beginning at 1:30 p.m. The walk supports local food security and agencies like Corpus Christi Food Pantry, Nashua Soup Kitchen, St. James of Merrimack Food Pantry, and SHARE Inc. of Milford. This year's goal is \$62,000, and your support is especially important as funding cuts impact food security. Walk, sponsor a walker, donate to a team, or volunteer to cheer and welcome walkers!



To participate or donate, visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/nashuanh>.

Questions: contact Becky Green at nashuacropwalk@gmail.com.

New Hampshire United Ways Coat Drive

Help us keep New Hampshire warm this winter. As the temperature drops, thousands of children and adults across our state lack proper winter attire. By participating in the NH Coat Drive, organized by New Hampshire United Ways, you help ensure your neighbors stay warm and safe during the coldest months of the year.

Visit <https://graniteuw.org/nh-coat-drive/> to find the closest drop off location to you.

Donations will be collected September 15th through October 23rd 2026.

Upcoming United Way of Greater Nashua Workshops

- ***Financial Wellness Workshops offered Oct 2026 - Feb 2027***

This series is designed to help individuals build confidence in managing their finances and making informed financial decisions. By helping people avoid scams, build savings, improve credit, and prepare for major financial decisions, we're working to help more people achieve lasting financial security.

Each workshop is presented by knowledgeable professionals from Bangor Savings Bank in a welcoming, judgment-free environment where questions are encouraged. *All workshops are free to attend. Please register in advance to reserve your seat,*

<https://unitedwaynashua.org/financial-wellness-workshops/>

Workshops are held at the United Way of Greater Nashua, located at 20 Broad Street in Nashua.

- ***Confident Online: Digital Literacy Workshops for All offered Sept 2026 - Jan 2027***

This is a series of free, beginner-friendly digital literacy workshops designed to help you feel more confident using computers and navigating the online world. Classes are open to everyone.

Workshops are held at the YMCA of Greater Nashua, located at 24 Stadium Drive in Nashua.

Visit <https://unitedwaynashua.org/digital-literacy/> to register.

Announcements Continued on the back

STARLIGHT TRIO CONCERT

Sunday, September 20th at 2:00 PM

Congregational Church of Hollis, 3 Monument Square, Hollis, NH

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