

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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*Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve*

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY
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PRELUDE

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GOD’S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TANYA

Please take a moment to review the announcements in your bulletin.

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME

SUNG REFRAIN

CHOIR & CONGREGATION

(please join in the second time through)

Be the change you want to see in the world...

Be the change you want to see in the world...

Be the change you want to see in the world...

And change will come to you!

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

DEACON

The world needs to change, a lot.

There are so many things that need change,

and we can get overwhelmed,

especially if we think that we need to make all of the change by ourselves.

We need to remember that God is already at work.

God has been, and always will be, doing a new thing.

We are called to show up and cooperate with what God is doing!

We are the changemakers, and we are being made ready!

May we be changed by this time of worship!

*** OPENING HYMN**

O God Our Help in Ages Past

#80

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DEACON

We struggle to trust that you are at work within us as well.

All: Forgive us.

Forgive us for when we fail to see others.
Forgive us for when we failed to trust.
Forgive us for when we failed to risk vulnerability.
Forgive us, and change us again.
Remake us as the people who cooperate with your Spirit.
**Remake us as the Body of Christ,
that we would work for the healing of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. TANYA

***GLORIA**

#36

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Peace be with you!
And also with you!
As forgiven and freed people through Christ,
let us pass the peace of Christ with one another as the children come forward.

SUNG REFRAIN

Be the Change

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

[Congregation]: **God's love be with you.**
[Teachers and Children]: **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, help us to hear what you are doing in the Gospel.
Help us to hear the ways that we can
show up and cooperate with your Spirit.
May this story show us the way
to become a compassion-driven changemaker, like Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON	<u><i>Luke 7:36-50</i></u> (CEB)	(Page: 840)	DEACON
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>The Handiwork of God</i>		Mark A. Miller
SECOND LESSON	<u><i>Mark 6:30-44</i></u> (NRSVUE)	(Page: 818)	DEACON
SERMON	“At the Heart of Divine Change: Creativity”		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.

OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

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



*** DOXOLOGY**

"Let Us Be Makers"

[sung to the tune of "Blessed Assurance"]

Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath.

Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.

Praise to the Spirit, our strength and our friend.

Three-in-One present, world without end.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

#67

*** 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

*** CHORAL AMEN**

POSTLUDE

JULIE OLIVER

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

Announcements

Over the four weeks of September, we will be exploring Jesus' identity, and our own, as "changemakers." Our series is inspired by The Changemaker Initiative, whose work is helping churches see that the work God is about these days is less about perfecting the church and more about changing the communities we live in. The problems in the world can be so overwhelming that we stop believing we can make a difference. But we can—if we change our own perception of what that looks like. Each one of us is called and equipped to make change; it's our true asset in this world. We, the people of the Body of Christ, have so much to give; we're going to practice reimagining together.

The Mission Trip Ministry Team,

will be holding its next meeting on **Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. in Hardy Hall.** All are welcome to join us as we continue planning and preparing for upcoming mission opportunities.

Third Grade Bible Sunday – September 28

An annual tradition that's not to be missed! On Sunday, September 28, we will celebrate our third graders during worship as they receive their very own Bibles from the church. Parents of third graders, please watch for an email from Kim with details about choosing a Bible verse for your child. Join us for this special service to show your support and be part of this meaningful milestone in the life of our children and our church community.

IRSG Group Meeting – September 28

Following the service on Sunday, September 28, the IRSG group will meet again in Emerson Chapel around 11:00 a.m. (after Fellowship Hour). We are excited to welcome Becky Field, who will share more about her traveling exhibits and bring an example of a framed immigrant photo and bio from the *Finding Home* exhibition. This will give us an opportunity to envision what a display might look like here at the church.

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 5th, Noon at Little Nichols Field - Join us at Little Nichols Field in Hollis, NH on Sunday, October 5th at Noon. All your four-legged (or finned or feathered) friends are welcome! Please be sure animals are leashed or contained for their own safety, and the safety of others.