

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

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

(Services are being recorded)

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**All Members of the Church, Ministers
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor
Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music**

PRELUDE

Julie Oliver

GOD'S SPIRIT, LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Tanya

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you. I greet you in the name of Christ Jesus, who draws us together as one Body, inclusive of all our varied stories and journeys. It doesn't matter where you've come from or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob whose hope is in the Lord their God.
The Lord God reigns forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

INVOCATION

Deacon

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally.
Amen.

HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon

If we call out in need, the Lord will answer. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the Lord who sets prisoners free.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Tanya

The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

GLORIA PATRI

*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 OF CHRIST

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME:

CHILDREN DEPART As the children and their teachers depart to continue their worship and learning elsewhere we offer them our blessing:

The Congregation: God's love be with you.

Teachers & Children: And also with you.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Nurturing God, you give life to all things and long to satisfy the needs of your children in their desire for healing and wholeness. Send your Spirit upon us this day, that as we hear your word we may meet Jesus, the one in whom all our hungers are fed. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

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CHORAL ANTHEM

Poor Man Lazarus

arr. Jester Hairston

SERMON

Regrets

Rev. Tanya

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

OFFERTORY – SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

To initiate Online Giving: Go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>

Please take a moment to *sign our Friendship Register* and pass it to your neighbor.

DOXOLOGY

*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

CLOSING HYMN

All My Hope on God is Founded

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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

POSTLUDE

The Flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Burnham Baker by Florence Baker.

Deacons this morning are Keith Hamer and Dot Hyde.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Hardy Hall immediately following service.

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