The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

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

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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.

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. And we are the changemakers!
This work of changemaking is going to take a while.
We are called to be changemakers for our whole lives!
And this work is going to take all of us. If we want to keep change going,
we need to be inviting others, joining with others, witnessing to others,
and empowering others to do this work with us.
For many of us, this is the hardest part of making change,
but we are ready to be bold.
We come to worship this morning, eager to be part of this movement
and to bring others along in our work.
We come to worship this morning, trusting that God will empower us.
We are the changemakers, and we are ready!
Thanks be to God!

*** OPENING HYMN** ***How Firm a Foundation*** **#237**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **DEACON**

But in all of this, we forget that the work of changemaking is not about us.
It is God's work. It is important work that must continue beyond us, and after us.
All: Forgive us.

Forgive us for making your work small.
Forgive us for our weakness and timidity.
Send us your spirit again, and free us from our fear and complacency.
Embolden us.
Make us unafraid of change,
and undeterred in our work of changemaking. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **REV. TANYA**

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

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Peace be with you!
And also with you!

SUNG REFRAIN **"Be the Change"**

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

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.**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE *Mark 10: 46-52 (CEB)* **(Page: 823)** **DEACON**

CHORAL ANTHEM ***Unshakable*** **Karen Marrolli**

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 6:30-44 (The Voice)* **(Page: 818)** **DEACON**

SERMON **"At the Heart of Divine Change: Empowerment"** **REV. TANYA**

*** HYMN** ***Amazing Grace*** **#401**

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** ***My Life Flows On*** **#427**

*** 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.

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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.

Christmas Raffle Baskets

It's that time of the year that we start thinking about the Christmas Fair!! I am collecting any donations for the raffle baskets. Something NEW I'm offering this year is to do your shopping for you! I know how busy everyone is! All you have to do is venmo me your donation (@Jennifer-Millen-1) and what you would like the theme to be and I'll do the rest! Any left over money will be donated directly to the church. If you'd like to make your own basket please feel free to email me at jmillen3098@gmail.com and I will send you the information! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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.

Singers Wanted – Join the Hollis Town Band Christmas Chorus!

No auditions required and all parts are welcome. The chorus meets **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. starting on the 22nd of October** in the Hollis Town Hall (second floor, Monument Square), with the exception of November 26. This annual Christmas concert benefits our church through the collection of non-perishable food items for admission and the sale of desserts at intermission, with all proceeds going directly to fill our food boxes. The concert will take place on **Saturday, December 13, at 7:00 pm** in the Hollis-Brookline Senior High School Auditorium. Come and add your voice to this joyful community tradition! For more information, please call (603) 883-2448 or visit https://www.hollistownband.info/