

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

Communion Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 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
Laurence Devlin Guest Preacher**

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

The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.
The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

INVOCATION

Deacon

God of power and mercy, you gather your people with the love of a parent for a child. You hear our cries in the night and in the day; you answer with healing and hope. Gather us into your strength and feed us with your wisdom, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

HYMN

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon

The God of mercy hears our cries. Let us confess our failings and needs to each other and to the one who commands us to come and be healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Tanya

People of God, beloved of the Lord, the one who created you and maintains your every breath calls you to receive mercy and be forgiven. Go in peace, in the firm assurance of pardon, so that today and every day your path may be strong and free, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

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

God of light, let your Holy Spirit come into our darkness and open our hearts, that your word may show us the blessings you intend for all creation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:46-52 NRSV

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON

Deepening Our Vision

Laurence Devlin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY – SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

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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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come Eat This Bread

Robert Lau

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving, culminating with the words:

“And so we praise you, tuning our voices to the angels’ songs, joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest.

The Pastor recites The Words of Institution, ending with words:

“...gifts of the good earth, offering ourselves as a living sacrifice dedicated to your service.:

Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

UNISON PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

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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

POSTLUDE

The Flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Lynn Stauble by Allison, Dan, Caroline, and Adelaide D'Ambrosio.

Deacons this morning are Peggy Gilmour and Roger Norian.

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

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