

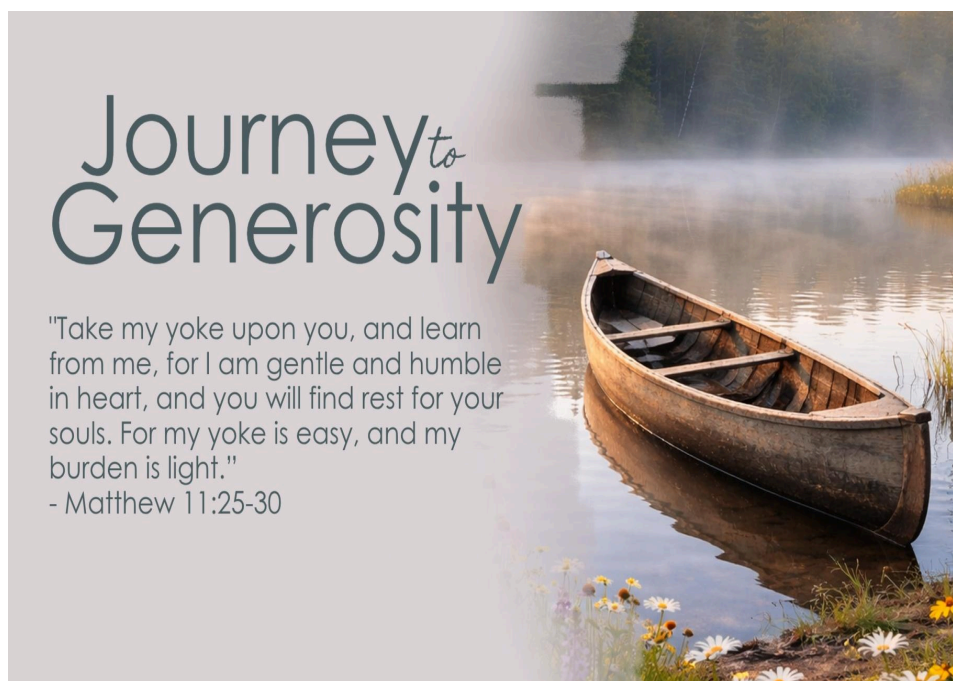
The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

3 Monument Square, Hollis, New Hampshire

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.

October 4, 2026 9:30 a.m.

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(Services are recorded)

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

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PRELUDE

JULIE OLIVER

GOD’S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TANYA

CALL TO WORSHIP

The marketplace calls us to hurry, to strive, and to prove our worth.

But Christ invites us to rest, to listen, and to receive.

Lay down the heavy burdens of scarcity, comparison, and fear.

We come to take up the gentle yoke of love and grace.

The Lord of heaven and earth welcomes us as beloved children.

With open hands and thankful hearts, let us worship God together!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Gather

Patterson

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DEACON

Gracious and loving God, whom Jesus revealed to us as Abba—our tender Parent, Provider, and Guide: We gather in this sacred space to step away from the clamor of the world and enter the sanctuary of your presence. Quiet the restless chatter within our minds. Open our eyes to see the abundance of your grace, and soften our hearts to trust your unfailing care. As we travel this Journey to Generosity, bind our lives to Christ. Yoke us to your compassion, that we may learn from him who is gentle and humble in heart. Be present among us through your Holy Spirit, and let our worship bring you glory, joy, and praise. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

*** HYMN**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DEACON

Merciful God, we confess that we often live like children sitting in the marketplace, demanding that life bend to our desires while we judge and criticize others. We get caught in cycles of scorekeeping, suspicion, and petty grievance. We confess how easily we forget that we are your children, slipping back into an anxious orphan mindset that hoards time, energy, and resources out of fear that there will not be enough. We take on the crushing yoke of self-reliance instead of resting in your grace. Forgive our stinginess of spirit, Lord. Unclench our tight fists, release our heavy burdens, and restore us to the likeness of your generous heart. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. TANYA

*** GLORIA**

#36

A MOMENT FOR ALL AGES

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 grace, you reveal your truth not to the proud, but to open and humble hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, quiet our minds and speak to us through your Word, that we may hear, understand, and joyfully follow in the Way of Jesus. Amen.

READING(S) FROM SCRIPTURE

DEACON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (pg. 792)

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

What Feast Will You Bring?
Flute - Diane Fallier

Charles McCartha

SERMON

"Yoked to Abundance"

REV. TANYA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEACON

For privacy reasons, we are not publishing our prayer list names on our website. If you are worshipping virtually and would like a copy of the prayer list, please send a request to the church office at admin@hollischurch.org.

OFFERING AND PLEDGES—

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

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



INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*** DOXOLOGY**

#46

*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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

REMEMBERING

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Unburden our hearts, release our fear of scarcity, and send us out from this table with open, generous hands ready to offer rest and welcome to every weary traveler we meet. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to say:

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Gentle and Generous God, you have refreshed our souls at your table. You have traded our heavy burdens for your easy yoke of peace. We thank you that we are nourished by your love, held in your family, and freed to live with joyful, unclenched hands. Send us forth now as instruments of your rest and messengers of your boundless grace. Amen.

*** HYMN**

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

#464

*** 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

Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 4, 11:45 am, Little Nichols Field

Join us after church on Oct 4 at the Little Nichols Field in Hollis for a special blessing of the animals. All four-legged (or finned/feathered) friends are welcome! Please be sure animals are leashed or contained for safety reasons.



Adults Revisiting Confirmation (ARC), Virtual Class

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

Oct. 15 Topic: *Broad Overview of Major World Religious History*

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!

Halloween Helpers Needed!

Our church has been invited to join the community's Halloween festivities near Monument Square! We're looking for volunteers to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters near the church. Interested in helping us provide a fun and welcoming presence in our community? Please contact ce@hollischurch.org to volunteer!

First Knitting Group Session - Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 am

The Knitting Group will have its first gathering on Tuesday, October 6, at 10:00 am. Whether you're an experienced knitter or just getting started, all are welcome to join us for a morning of knitting, conversation, and fellowship!



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.

November *Chimes* Submissions Due October 15!

We would love to share your announcements and news in the upcoming *Chimes* edition. Please email submissions to admin@hollischurch.org by October 15!

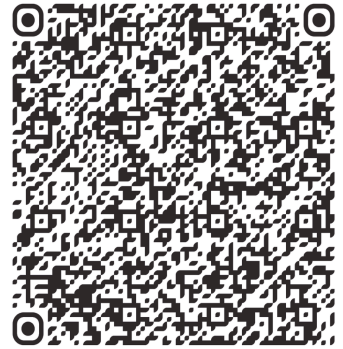
**Fall Community Square Dance
at the Congregational Church of Hollis
October 16, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and dancing at our upcoming Square Dance in Hardy Hall!

We're excited about hosting a Fall Community Square Dance, but this event can only happen with the support of volunteers! **To volunteer, scan the QR code, visit [this link](#), or see the sign up sheet on the office bulletin board.**



VOLUNTEER HERE



**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. 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>.



**New Hampshire United Ways Coat Drive
Donations will be collected September 15th through October 23rd 2026**

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.

