

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 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

God has sent redemption to us and made with us a covenant. Holy and awesome is God's name. **Praise the Lord!**

INVOCATION

Deacon

God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

O Christ, the Healer

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon

Since Jesus Christ was a descendant of David, Christ shared our humanity. He understands our struggles to be faithful. Yet even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Jesus came not to condemn or exclude, but to make us well, to make us whole. In his name we confess our sins and call out, "Lord, have mercy on us!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Tanya

In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving!

Thanks be to God!

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 RECONCILING 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

Deacon

Sovereign God, though we are bound by many tethers, your Word is not chained. Set us free by this Word let loose in the world. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us worthy of your approval: workers of the gospel, unashamed and unafraid to share the truth made known to us. In Christ Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19

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SERMON

*Deepening Our Vision First-person Series
Part 1: Seeing Things Whole*

Rev. Tanya

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Will Give Thanks to the Lord

Eugene Englert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

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.

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

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

OFFERTORY

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

From the Crush of Wealth and Power

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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

Deacons this morning are Kevin Duquette and Tom Hildreth.

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

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