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

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**October 11, 2026 9:30 a.m.**
**The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor & Teacher**
**Julie Oliver, Minister of Music**
**Kim Burton, Minister of Faith Formation**
**(Services are recorded)**

***JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY***

**Mission Trip Sunday:**
**"Sharing the Light We Saw on Our Journey"**
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**PRELUDE**

**GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP** **DEACONS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** **REV. TANYA**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**UNISON PRAYER OF GATHERING** **DEACON**
**Living Word and Guiding Light, you spoke creation into being, and you never cease speaking hope into our chaos. Be present among us as we gather in your sanctuary. Quiet our anxieties, calm the restless winds of our minds, and bid us come to you.**

**We thank you for the faithful journeys of our youth and adults who ventured out this summer to be your hands and feet. As they share their stories today, ignite in all of us a fresh vision of what it means to live generously with our time, our gifts, and our hearts. Step into our midst, Lord Jesus, and lead us deeper into your grace. Amen.**

*** HYMN** **"*My Lighthouse*"** **Rend Collective**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **DEACON**
**Lord Jesus, Light of the World, we confess that fear keeps us clinging to the safety of our boats. You call us to step out in faith and generosity, yet we doubt your abundance, hoard our resources, and hold back compassion. Forgive our small faith. When we begin to sink, reach out and catch us. Guide our steps once more onto the path of courage, generosity, and love. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** **REV. TANYA**

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

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** **REV. TANYA**

**A MOMENT FOR ALL AGES** **JULIE KOPSER**
*Children are invited to come forward to join Pastor Tanya and Julie 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.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE** **JESSICA MARCHANT, CHARLIE SEDDON**
**John 1:1-5 (pg. 862)**
**Matthew 14:22-32 (pg. 796)**

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

**MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS & EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE**
**ANDREA SEDDON, IZZY KIFFER, AVA DOHERTY, SARAH SEDDON**

**BLESSING OUR FRIENDS FOR THEIR ONWARD JOURNEY** (Don & Ginny Brooks)

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**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** **REV. TANYA**

*** HYMN** ***This Little Light of Mine*** **#364**

*** 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**

# Announcements




**Fall Community Square Dance**
**at the Congregational Church of Hollis**
**Friday, October 16 • 7:00–9:00 PM • Hardy Hall**

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a fun-filled evening at our Fall Community Square Dance!

Come enjoy an evening of dancing, fellowship, and community as we gather in Hardy Hall for some old-fashioned fall fun. Whether you're an experienced square dancer or just looking forward to a lively evening with friends and neighbors, we'd love to have you join us.

**To sign up to bring refreshments or help set up/clean up visit this link, or see the sign up sheet on the office bulletin board.**

**Brooks Family Send Off**

Join us after Sunday's worship service for fellowship and a blessing send-off for Ginny and Don Brooks. We wish them all the best as they move to Georgia to be closer to their daughter, Nancy, and grandson Corey's family.

**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!

Join us Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 pm by visiting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82973949357, scan the QR code, or enter the meeting ID **829 7394 9357** on your Zoom app.

**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!



**Flock Family Pizza Night (Pumpkins & Pizza) - Thursday, October 15, 5:15 pm**

Join Kim & Tanya for pizza and pumpkin decorating in Hardy Hall! We invite families to come enjoy Christian fellowship with each other and have a night off from cooking. Check your emails for the sign-up genius link.

**Community Christmas Chorus Rehearsals Begin October 21**

On December 12, the Hollis Town Band and Community Christmas Chorus will present a holiday concert benefitting our church's holiday food basket project. Come and join the Community Christmas Chorus! The chorus is a short-term commitment (only 8 weeks) for anyone who loves to sing. *No auditions* - all voices needed! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30 - 8:15 pm at Hollis Brookline High School. First rehearsal is Wednesday, October 21, but please join even if you can't make the first gathering. Come when you can!



**Christmas Fair - Saturday, November 21 (Volunteer Opportunities)**

Our beloved Christmas Fair is coming up, and we need your help to make it a joyful success! There are many ways to participate:

***Donate Items:***

- Angel Loft – new or gently used trinkets, small gifts, and toys for children to purchase for their families.
- Bake Sale – homemade breads, cookies, candies, and treats (please label ingredients).
- New-to-You Room – upscale, gently used home décor, jewelry, and collectibles.
- Raffle Baskets – donate themed items or sponsor a basket.
- Silent Auction – provide tickets, services, gift cards, special items of value, new merchandise, special experiences, travel/vacation getaway opportunities, etc.-- be creative!
- Crafts Table – handmade items, art, and seasonal gifts are always welcome.

***Volunteer Opportunities:***

We're looking for helpers to set up, run tables, welcome visitors, assist Santa, perform music, cook and/or serve lunch, and clean-up afterward. All are welcome, there's something for everyone! Not available on 11/21, that's okay; we have ways to assist days before or after the event, too.

***Drop-Off Information:***

Donations can be dropped off on Sundays, during church office hours, or placed in the CE box outside the church's front door. For special arrangements, contact Carol Birch or email christmasfair@hollischurch.org.

Let's make this year's Christmas Fair another wonderful time of community, joy, and generosity!



**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!

## Greater Nashua CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, October 18

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 like Corpus Christi Food Pantry, Nashua Soup Kitchen, St. James of Merrimack Food Pantry, and SHARE Inc. of Milford. This year's goal is $62,000, and your support is especially important as funding cuts impact food security. 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**.
Questions: contact Becky Green at **nashuacropwalk@gmail.com**.