

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

9:30 a.m.

(Services are being recorded)

The CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOLLIS, U.C.C.

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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

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God. Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

INVOCATION

Deacon

Righteous and gracious Lord, you reveal to us the way of goodness and life. Teach us humility that we may trust in your power, and not our own, and make us ever grateful; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon

Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures, let us confess our sin to God who hears our pleas and waits in mercy to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Tanya

In the name of the One who yearns to crown all people with righteousness and whose mercy exalts the humble, your sins are forgiven. May you be strengthened to live in the freedom of God's holy and eternal generosity. **Amen.**

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

Righteous and gracious Lord, you reveal to us the way of goodness and life. Teach us humility that we may trust in your power, and not our own, and make us ever grateful; in Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

pg. 853

A word of God that is Still speaking. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

The Pharisee and the Publican (trio)

SERMON

*Deepening Our Vision First-Person Series, Part III:
Seeing Ourselves and Others More Clearly*

Rev. Tanya

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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STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

Allison D’Ambrosio

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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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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

Flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Ardis Witham, beloved mother, Nan, sister, and friend by Dianna Fulreader.

Deacons this morning are Tom Hildreth and Ann Siglin.

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

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