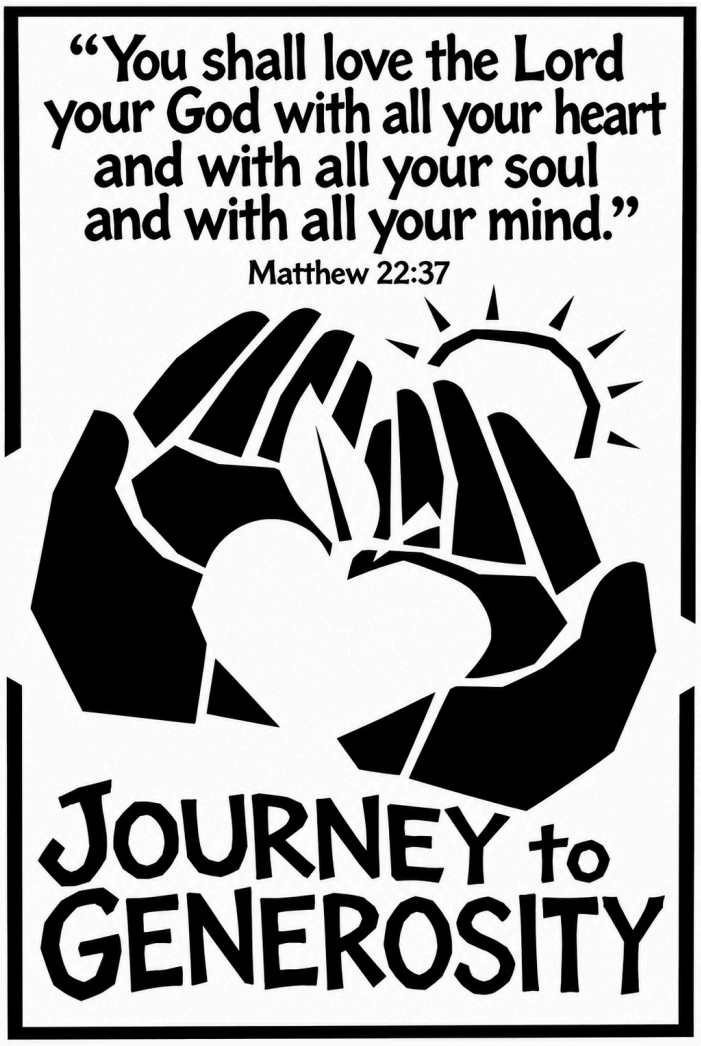
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Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve

The Congregational Church of Hollis, U.C.C.
October 25, 2026 9:30 a.m.
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JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

The Bedrock of Integrity: Generosity of Spirit in an Age of Spectacle and Slander

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PRELUDE **JULIE OLIVER**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **REV. TANYA**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather on a journey of faith, called to love the Lord our God.
With all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind!
We walk together on a journey to generosity, called to love our neighbors.
As Christ has loved us, let us worship God with open hands and willing hearts!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION **DEACON**

*** HYMN** ***Rejoice, the Lord is King*** **#S3**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **DEACON**

Merciful God, You command us to love You with everything we are, and our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we confess how often we hold back. We cling to our resources out of fear; we withhold our love out of pride; we overlook our neighbors in their need. Forgive our hesitations and heal our self-centeredness. Transform our fear into trust, and lead us forward on the journey to generosity, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS **REV. TANYA**

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

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

A MOMENT FOR ALL AGES **REV. TANYA**

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**

Lord, open our hearts by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as Your Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear Your greatest commandment anew and walk faithfully in the generous way of Jesus. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE **DEACON**
Matthew 22:34-46 (pg. 804)

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

CHORAL ANTHEM ***For the Autumn Sky*** **Ruth Elaine Schram**

SERMON **REV. TANYA**

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 **REV. TANYA**

*** 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**
Generous God, all that we have belongs to You. Receive these gifts as tokens of our love for You and our dedication to our neighbors. Bless and multiply what we offer today, that hunger may be fed, hope restored, and Your kingdom made visible in our community and throughout the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*** HYMN** ***Love God with Your Heart*** **#79**
(We will sing the piece all the way through, and then as a round.)

*** 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**

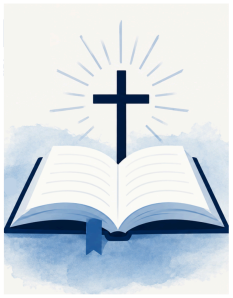
* Please stand if you are able.

Flower Dedication

The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in celebration of the joy of grandbabies and all the light and love they add to life!

Chris & Dot Hyde

Announcements



Adults Revisiting Confirmation (ARC), Virtual Class
First & Third Thursdays of the Month at 7:30 PM
Nov. 5 Topic: *Heretics We Have Known*

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!

Borderlands Journey Trip - November 7–15, 2026

A few members of our Immigrant and Refugee Support Group will soon embark on a journey to the Borderlands of Arizona and Mexico. The delegation includes Amos Ponga-Fou (Delegation Coordinator, Māori Storyteller, and Lay Leader), Andrea Seddon (Educator, Language Specialist, and Lay Leader), and Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen (Pastor, Faith Leader, and Community Advocate).

As they prepare for this journey, we invite you to support them in their mission to listen, learn, and deepen their understanding of the challenges faced by immigrants and refugees. Their goal is to return with a fuller perspective and a deeper capacity to stand alongside individuals and families in our community who may be facing difficult realities.

To follow their journey, learn more about this important mission, or support the delegates, please visit hollistotheborderlands.netlify.app.

Upcoming Church Staff Absences

The church office will be closed on Thursday, October 29 due to staff absences.

Additionally, Rev. Tanya will be traveling on Sunday, November 8 and November 15 as she travels to the Borderlands. In her absence, we welcome guest speakers, Hannah Stohler, Executive Director of Marguerite's Place on November 8, and June Lemen, Community Resource Coordinator for the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter on November 15.

Flock Family Pizza/Glow Night - Thursday, November 5 at 5:30 pm

Join Tanya and Kim for the Glow Night Pizza Event on Thursday, November 5, from 5:15-6:30 pm. There will be glow sticks, glow-in-the-dark games, and more! Sign Up Genius will be emailed out, or you can RSVP to Kim at ce@hollischurch.org.

Community Christmas Chorus Rehearsals Begin October 21!

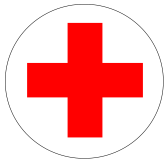
On December 12, the Hollis Town Band and Community Christmas Chorus will present a holiday concert benefitting our church's holiday food basket project.

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!

Special Offering Collection on November 1
Neighbors in Need: Walk in love, as Christ loved us. Ephesians 5:2



On November 1, we will take a special collection for the United Church of Christ's ***Neighbors in Need*** offering, which supports ministries of justice and compassion across the country. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministries, while the remaining two-thirds fund UCC justice initiatives, advocacy, and community service projects. We invite you to contribute to this important work as we strive to build a more just and compassionate world.



Blood Drive - November 7, 9:30 - 2:00 pm

Our church will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, November 7, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm** in Hardy Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to support a lifesaving effort that directly benefits our wider community. Give blood for a $10 gift card. Successful donations get free A1C testing. To schedule an appointment, visit redcross.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS and use sponsor code **HollisNH**.



Beautify our MeetingHouse with Flower Dedications

We invite you to celebrate or remember a special person/occasion with flowers during Sunday worship. To participate, sign up on the bulletin board outside of the office and identify which Sunday you would like to bring a floral arrangement or plant, along with details for what you are celebrating or who you are memorializing. Submit your flower dedication request the Tuesday prior to your chosen Sunday (call the office at 603-400-1515 or email admin@hollischurch.org).

Floral arrangements need to be delivered to the church by 9:15 am on Sunday. You may also request a floral arrangement through Wendy Hills Longland at 603-465-3466 at least one week prior to your chosen Sunday.

This is a lovely way to share your memories and celebrations with your church family!

Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of Our Church Family?

New members are invited to join us on November 22 for Thanksgiving and Pledge Commitment Sunday. If you'd like to learn more about what full membership in this church entails and what it means, please email Pastor Tanya, pastor@hollischurch.org and let her know when you'd like to meet!



Christmas Fair - Saturday, November 21 (Volunteer & Donation 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:

Christmas Raffle Baskets
Jenn and Brad Millen will be collecting donations for the raffle baskets. They are willing to do the shopping for you! Please send financial donations to her Venmo, @Jennifer-Millen-1, along with any details for your donation, e.g., general raffle baskets donation or a complete basket and ideas for its theme. Any leftover money will be donated directly to the church. If you plan to make your own basket, please email admin@hollismontessori.org and we'll send you the details.

Donate Items:

- Angel Loft – new or gently used trinkets, small gifts, and toys for children to purchase for their family members.
- Bake Sale – homemade breads, cookies, candies, and treats (please label ingredients).
- New-to-You Room – upscale, new or gently used home décor, jewelry, and collectibles.
- 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!

