

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC
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*Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve*

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

(Services are being recorded)

The CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOLLIS, U.C.C.
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
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

We have gathered today in search of reformation.

We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.

We stand fearless at the edge of change.

For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.

Be still, and know that God is God.

God is our rock and our redeemer.

INVOCATION

Deacon

You are our hiding place, O God; you preserve us from trouble and deliver us from death. You teach us your wisdom and show us your grace by honoring the weak and forgiving the wicked. All glory and praise be to you, for justice and mercy meet in you, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon

When we keep our mistakes and misdeeds hidden away, we are consumed with guilt and pain. Therefore let us come into the light and acknowledge our shortcomings, trusting that God will forgive us and make us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven and preserved from trouble. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done, and the good we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Tanya

Hear the good news: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow. For the Lord has promised to forgive all, and to surround with steadfast love everyone who trusts in God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man song by children

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

God, through the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to your Word that we would hear what you would say to us today; through Jesus Christ, who invites us to welcome him in, even before we are ready or worthy. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SERMON

*Deepening Our Vision First-Person Series, Part IV:
Perspective Is Everything*

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 MOMENT

Chris Hyde

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

How Can We Name a Love

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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 Dot Hyde & Roger Norian.

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

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