

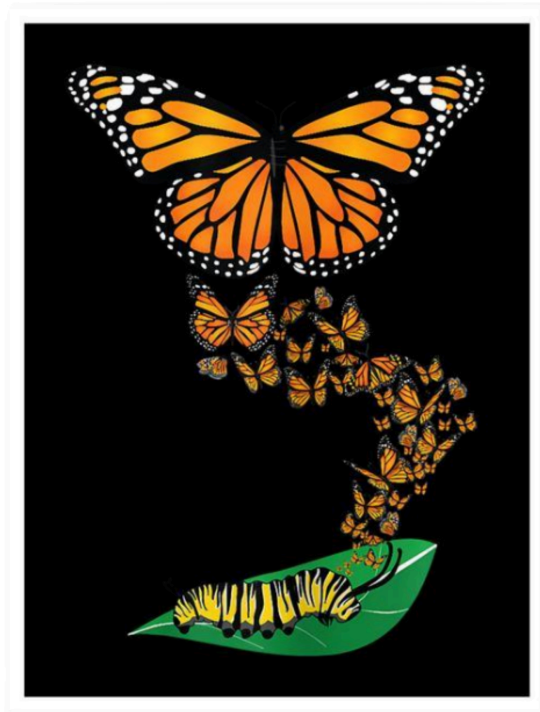
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Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve*

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PRELUDE

JULIE OLIVER

GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

DEACONS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TANYA

Please take a moment to review the announcements in your bulletin.

SUNG REFRAIN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

#467

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

DEACON

God draws us together from different places.

God dreams the same dream for us.

God knows our pain and our joy.

God dreams the same dream for us.

God calls us to generosity and purpose.

God dreams the same dream for us. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

#259

CALL TO CONFESSION

DEACON

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that sometimes we think it is only wealthy or perfect people who can be generous. We feel too broken, too small, and too ashamed. We think we can't possibly make your dreams come true. Forgive our doubts and heal our shame. Remind us of our great potential in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. TANYA

*** GLORIA**

#38

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Beloved children of God, peace be with you!

And also with you!

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#467

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES:

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

Generous God, fill our hearts with gratitude for the great story and traditions that have been passed down to us. Fill our minds with questions, so that we can find you in the story and challenge the ways of the world. Fill our lives with the presence of one another, so that we may be moved to generosity and stewardship. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ruth 1:6-19

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DEACON

RESPONSE TO THE READING

DEACON & ALL

God brings us together in the word.

We are grateful to be part of God's story.

God brings us together in stewardship.

We are grateful to be part of God's community.

God brings us together in a vision for the future.

We are grateful to be part of God's dream. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World

Don Besig

SERMON

"Generosity Even Amid Hardships"

REV. TANYA

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

LEE HARPER & BARB ZULLO

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

OFFERING AND PLEDGES

—SHARING GOD’S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

To initiate online giving, go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>



*** DOXOLOGY**

#45

*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

*** CLOSING HYMN**

O For A World

#500

*** 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.**

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Announcements

Poinsettia Orders Now Due

It's time to place your order for Christmas poinsettias!

Please note that **orders need to be submitted by Monday, November 8th.**

- **Price:** \$10 per plant, **Plant Size:** 6.5-inch pots (limited supply available)

These beautiful poinsettias will help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season and can be dedicated in memory or honor of loved ones.



Christmas Fair – We Need Your Help

Saturday, November 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our beloved Christmas Fair is just around the corner, 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.
- Crafts Table – handmade items, art, and seasonal gifts are always welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We're looking for helpers to set up, run tables, assist Santa, perform music, serve lunch, and help clean up afterward. All are welcome, there's something for everyone!

Drop-Off Information:

Donations can be dropped off Sundays, or during church office hours Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 12:00pm, 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!

Special Offering—Jamaican Farm Workers (Nov 9 & 16)

Many families of the Jamaican seasonal crews at Brookdale and Kimball have lost their homes. To avoid platform fees and maximize impact, we're collecting a special offering labeled **"For Jamaican workers."** We'll send one pass-through check to the farms for **cash distribution directly to workers.** Give in the plate (mark your envelope), by mail, or online via Vanco/Zeffy (select **Special Offering: Jamaican Workers** or note **"Jamaican workers"**).

Bylaws Taskforce

November 9th, 11:00 a.m., right after church. Emerson Chapel.

As we continue to nurture our church family, it's time to revisit what it means to be a member of our congregation. We're forming focus groups to evaluate, explore, and define the criteria for membership, non-membership, and associate membership. This is not just about policy—it's about honoring commitment, participation, and belonging. Key questions we'll consider:

- Does regular service, attendance, and pledging define membership?
- What distinguishes a member from a non-member or associate member?
- After two years of not participating in any of these areas, should a person be considered inactive?

Christmas Raffle Baskets

It's that time of the year when we start thinking about the Christmas Fair!! I am collecting donations for the raffle baskets. Something NEW I'm offering this year is to do your shopping for you! I know how busy everyone is! All you have to do is Venmo me your donation (@Jennifer-Millen-1) and what you would like the theme to be, and I'll do the rest! Any leftover money will be donated directly to the church. If you'd like to make your own basket, please feel free to email me at jmillen3098@gmail.com, and I will send you the information!



Food and Fuel Ministry Team

Hollis Scouts will again be participating in the Scouting for Food campaign. The Scouts will drop off tags with information on **Saturday, Nov.1**, and will collect filled bags on Saturday, **Nov. 8**. Please consider donating any canned or dry foods. (Please...no glass or perishables.) All items collected go directly to our Food and Fuel Ministry Team for our holiday boxes throughout the year. Leave the bags out in a visible place by your door or near your mailbox no later than **8 am on Nov.8th**...rain or shine. Scouts will not ring the doorbell to collect donations. If your bag has not been picked up **by 11 am**, please place the food in either drop box at the handicapped entrance of the church.

We **NEED** and **ASK** for your help!! All events will be held at the rear of the Brookdale Fruit Farm Warehouse, 36R Broad St., Hollis.

- **Nov 8 Saturday SORT** - 8 am-12:30 pm, 20+ people

- **Nov 16 Sunday PACK** - 10:45 am-1:30 pm, 15-20 people
- **Nov 17 Monday DELIVER** - 7:45 am-9 am, 10 people and 6-8 pickups/vans/SUVs to Hollis, Brookline, Nashua, and Milford agencies

The scouting community and our church's Food and Fuel Ministry Team thank you for your generous donations. Many will enjoy a good meal during the holiday and will be extremely appreciative.