Call to Confession
Ann Siglin, Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

Please join me, as together we confess our need for God’s grace, forgiveness, healing, and strength.

Prayer of Confession
All: Author of Love, creator of community: we yearn to realize your hope for creation, your vision for humankind, but confess that we are too often not patient. Or kind. We are too easily envious, arrogant, boastful, and rude. We insist on our own way. We can be irritable and resentful and are perplexed to find ourselves delighting in the suffering of our enemies when we know we should be praying for their wellbeing, and our own humble transformation. Forgive us, we pray.

Help us, by your Love abiding within, to bear and believe, to hope and endure with you in the midst of all that challenges our desire to live as your Beloved Community.

We pray by the strength of the One who taught us how it’s done, our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor, Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC

Dear members of Christ’s Beloved Community, hear the Good News, the Gospel truth Jesus proclaimed in so many ways: The steadfast love of YHWH never ceases, and God’s mercies and compassion never end; they rise up anew every morning! Great is God’s faithfulness, assuring us of pardon and endlessly inviting us to embrace, enjoy, and embody the love and grace extended to us. Thanks and glory be to God!