

November 20, 2022

## Order of Worship

10:00am

*An asterisk (\*) indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in **BOLD** are responses spoken by the congregation.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Deacon

### Prelude

*Simple Gifts*  
Russell Schulz-Widmar (1944- ) (An American Folk Hymn)

Norman McFarlane

### Call to Worship

Psalms 36: 5-9

Deacon

One: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

**All: Your faithfulness to the skies.**

One: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

**All: Your justice like the great deep.**

One: You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

**All: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!**

One: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: We thank you for Your incredible love today.**

### \*Gathering Hymn

*My Hope is Built*

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### Message for All

Sarah Pradhan

*Joy and Concern cards will be collected by the Deacons*

*Sing "This Little Light of Mine" as Children proceed to Sunday School.*

### Scripture

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture

**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

Matthew 11: 28

Pew Bible p. 792

The grass withers and the flower fades

**But the Word of God shall stand forever**

### Special Music

*A Song of Thanksgiving*  
Michael Helman (based on the hymn tunes "Ash Grove" and "Nun Danket Alle Gott")

Bell Choir

### Sermon Message

"What to Do with Weariness"

Pastor Tamara Ravelo

### Choir Anthem

*Thanks Be to Thee*  
arr. by Anna Mae Nichols

Choir

### Prayers of the People for the World

Pastor Tamara Ravelo

Lord in your mercy

**All: hear our prayers.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Tamara Ravelo

**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, now and forever. Amen.**

## \*Closing Hymn

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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## \*Benediction

Pastor Tamara Ravelo

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak; help the afflicted;  
Honor all people; love and serve God;  
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen**

## \*Parting Song

*God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified)*

**God be with You till we meet again.  
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.  
God will place arms all around you.  
God be with you till we meet again.**

## Postlude

*High Praise*  
Rachel Sawyer

Norman McFarlane

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Our guest pastor today is Tamara Fore-Ravelo. Tamara Ravelo emerges from the Quechan Indian Tribe (pronounced Kwuh-tsan), where she proudly represents her Indigenous culture. Her grandmother Denise Dugan was an Indigenous boarding school survivor. Hence, Tamara, family members, and her community constantly encounter its generational challenges. Tamara often says she is the hope of her ancestor's prayers. In turn, she endeavors to impart that hope to others wherever she goes.

Tamara has an earned master's in business (MBA) and currently attends Yale University as a MDiv candidate to receive her degree in 2023'. At Yale she leads as president and also serves as a consultant to the oldest African American Congregational UCC church in the world which started in the 1820's by the enslaved. Additionally, Tamara is a faculty member at the Inner Visions Institute for Spiritual Development led in leadership by Rev. Dr. Iyana Vanzant, where she teaches a course on ancient wisdom and world religion.

Then, at Salem Covenant Church in Washington Depot, CT, she serves as Assistant Pastor, where she loves prayer and creating spaces for others to heal; however, that may come. In her other life, she is a communications strategienous, specializing in marketing, branding, graphic design, web, publications and other forms of media. Tamara doesn't do it alone, she is wonderfully loved and supported by her husband, the esquire Michael Ravelo.

