

“Love Comes First”



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CONTEMPORARY MUSIC WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

Sunday, April 28, 2024

**The Rev. Edward Rawls, Minister
Dr. Joe Utterback, Director of Music
Mike Nunno, Facilities Manager
Jacquelyn Owens, Youth Ministry Administrator
Allison Fay, Chancel Choir Director/Digital Media Specialist
Jane Hartigan and Sue Collazo, Parish Nurses**

**Sandy O’Neill, Church Administrator
Don Coulson, Financial Secretary
Mike Morra, Technology Specialist
Jocelyn Ault, Director of Social Justice**

†Please stand in Body or in Spirit.

When exiting the pew, please be careful and STEP DOWN



For more information about the church and ways to give,
please scan this QR code with your phone's camera.

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Contemporary Service

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FOR REFLECTION:

Psalm 22:25-31

Pew Bible pg. 491

Please respect this time of meditation and reflection by remaining quiet for the benefit of those around you who may be in a spirit of prayer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psalm 98 tells us to *“Sing to the Lord a NEW song, for he has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!”*

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Here I Am to Worship”

Tim Hughes

“Unchanging”

Chris Tomlin

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Spiritual/arr. Eric Nyquist

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (See Insert)

BAPTISM SONG

“The Human Heart” from *Once On This Island*

Lynn Ahrens/Stephen Flaherty

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Music

“What a Savior”

Jeremiah Jones

THE SCRIPTURE READING

I John 4:7-12, 16-21

Pew Bible pg. 1112

THE MORNING MESSAGE

“Love Comes First”

Rev. Ed Rawls

†**THE CLOSING SONG**

“Mighty to Save”

Ben Fielding/Reuben Morgan

THE BENEDICTION

Members of the Contemporary Worship Band

Brian Coralian

Dave Coulson

John Delgado

Allison Fay

Jon Fry

Abbie Joy

Michele Morra

Eric Nyquist

Jacqui Owens