

**First Baptist Church Lincoln
April 30, 2023
Order of Worship**

Life Together and Welcome

Call to Worship

Gospel Reflection as a Call to Worship

"Truly I tell you," says Jesus,
"whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
And whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

May we be bound with love.

To bind, to be bound, to be bound with
So many competing demands and expectations
Aging partners and parents
Unplanned expenses
Demands at work and home and school and church

May we be bound with love.

Bound now, bound forever
Bound with whom and for what?

May we be bound with love.

What shall we carry with us into eternity?
Our gold?
Our politics?
Our relationships?
Which?
For with this choice
We will be bound in heaven.

May we be bound with love.

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Opening SongBetter Is One Day

Praise Song How Firm a Foundation

Prayer Time

Congregational Read..... Colossians 1:9-10

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Praise Song 10,000 Reasons

Congregational Read..... Colossians 2:6-7

6 live your lives in him,

7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Praise Song Reckless Love

Message Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall
..... Colossians 3:12-17

Offering Prayer

Response Song We Are One in the Spirit

Benediction Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall