

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

Life Together and Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 13:31)

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
it is the smallest of all the seeds,
but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour
until all was leavened.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;
then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

A merchant in search of fine pearls;
on finding one of great value,
sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Let all who have ears, hear.

— © Katherine Hawker, on her [*Outside the Box*](#) website.
See also her opening collect, call to worship and prayer of
dedication on the theme of mustard seeds [here](#).

Opening Song I Serve a Risen Savior

Praise Song Child of Love

Prayer Time

Praise Song How He Loves

Congregational Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-2

1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a
resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Praise SongGreat Are You Lord

Message Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall
.....Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Offering Prayer

Response Song Holy, Holy, Holy

Benediction Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall