

**First Baptist Church Lincoln
March 16, 2025
Order of Worship**

Life Together and Welcome

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

Call to Worship Congregational Reading

(inspired by Psalm 13: 3-6)

- ONE: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him" – lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- MANY: We come to you O Lord, seeking answers to our questions. We come to you O God, because you are the Creator.**
- ONE: But I have trusted your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.
- MANY: We come looking for a song to sing; We wait for your voice to call us from beyond our fear.**
- ~ from a longer "Litany for a Blue Christmas," posted on the Godspace website

Opening Song Better is One Day

Prayer Time

Our Father, the more we know of you the more we realize the need to know more. We desire to know you and to know you well. We long to enter into intimacy with you, so that instead of merely knowing facts about you, we may move from being your servants to becoming your friends.

As we progress in our quest of you, may we also face honestly those subtle temptations that keep us from approaching you with humility and openness.

Help us, Lord, to take time to be quiet, so that in the stillness we may hear those things which are never shouted, but which are whispered to those who take time to listen. Help us to be childlike but never immature, that we may hang upon your every word, until our thinking is renewed - and, without knowing it, we experience the mind of Christ. Amen

Praise Song All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Congregational Reading Lamentations 3:22-24

- 22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
- 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

24 I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

Praise Song Give Us Clean Hands

Praise Song Never Once

Message Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall
..... Luke 13:31-35

Offering Prayer

Response Song..... How Great is Our God

Benediction Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall