

**First Baptist Church Lincoln  
March 8, 2026  
Order of Worship**

**Life Together and Welcome**

19 *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*  
20 *To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Philippians 4:19-20 NIV*

**Call to Worship** ..... Based on Matthew 13:34-35

Leader: Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables; He did not say anything to them without using a story.

**People: For through stories, God’s truth is revealed, and His promises are remembered.**

Leader: The prophet declared, “I will open my mouth in parables. I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

**People: Through sacred stories, the mysteries of God shine into our lives.**

Leader: From the stories of Abraham and Sarah to the songs of the psalmists, to the parables of Jesus—God has always spoken to us in word and witness.

**People: We receive these stories as gifts, shaping our faith and guiding our walk with Christ.**

Leader: In telling, we remember. In listening, we believe. In sharing, we are transformed.

**People: Let us tell our stories, for they are testimonies of God’s grace and power.**

Leader: Children, youth, and elders alike bear witness to God’s love through stories.

**People: Our voices join in the great story of redemption, which continues in us today.**

Leader: **As Baptists, we affirm the priesthood of all believers, and every believer carries a story worth telling.**

**People: We will speak of God’s mercy in our lives and listen for His truth in the stories of others.**

**All: Lord of parables and promise, sanctify our stories that they may point to You. May our lives become living testimonies, telling the story of Jesus and His love. Amen.**

**Opening Song** ..... Build Your Kingdom Here

**Prayer Time** ..... Susan Howell

**Praise Song** ..... All Creatures of Our God and King (TWC #356)

**Praise Song** ..... Bless His Holy Name (TWC #36)

**Praise Song** ..... Agnus Dei

**Message** ..... Susan Howell

**Prayer Time** ..... Susan Howell

**Offering Prayer** ..... Susan Howell

**Response Song** ..... Blest Be the Tie That Binds (TWC #708)

**Benediction** ..... Susan Howell