

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



April 5, 2026
Jesus is Risen!

I. A Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

II. Family Confession & Greeting

We believe in the historic Christian Faith. Christ was crucified for my sins and for the sins of all people. Christ was buried. Christ rose again on the third day. He ascended to heaven and now rules on His throne. He has conquered death and hell through His resurrection from the dead. Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead. All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord will be saved.

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

One person gives freely, yet gains even more.... A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:24a, 25 (NIV)



IV. The Risen Messiah's Gift to His Church
Acts 1:1-8
Pastor Gary Barber

Resurrection Appearances of Jesus

Chronological chart from Easter Sunday to the Ascension (Day 40)

Order number	When	Appearance	Who saw him	Scripture reference
1	Easter Sunday - early morning	Jesus appears near the tomb	Mary Magdalene	John 20:11-18, Mark 16:9
2	Easter Sunday - morning	Jesus meets the women returning from the tomb	Other women	Matthew 28:8-10
3	Easter Sunday	Private appearance	Simon Peter (Cephas)	Luke 24:34, 1 Corinthians 15:5
4	Easter Sunday - afternoon	On the road to Emmaus	Two disciples	Luke 24:13-35, Mark 16:12-13
5	Easter Sunday - evening	Jesus appears in a locked room	Ten apostles (Thomas absent) and others with them	Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-23
6	Eight days later	Jesus appears again in the locked room	Eleven apostles including Thomas	John 20:24-29
7	Later in Galilee	By the Sea of Tiberias	Seven disciples	John 21:1-14
8	Later in Galilee	On the mountain, Great Commission	The eleven disciples	Matthew 28:16-20
9	Later during the 40 days	Large group appearance	More than 500 believers	1 Corinthians 15:6
10	Later during the 40 days	Private appearance	James	1 Corinthians 15:7
11	During the 40 days	Repeated teaching appearances	The apostles	Acts 1:3, 1 Corinthians 15:7
12	Day 40	Ascension from the Mount of Olives	The apostles and others with them	Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:9-11

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. Acts 1:1,2 (NIV)

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³ After His suffering, He presented Himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3 (NIV)

⁴ On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 1:4,5 (NIV)

“I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:49 (NIV)

- Clothed with the power of the Spirit - Judges 6:34, I Chronicles 12:18, II Chronicles 24:20

⁵ “For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 1:5 (NIV)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29 (NIV)

“And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.” John 1:33,34 (NIV)

⁸ “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)

❖ Prayer & Invitation

