# The Oaks Community Worship Guide



Sunday, June 29, 2025

## I. A Call to Worship

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy. Psalm 107:1, 2 (NKJV)

#### **II. Family Confession & Greeting**

At The Oaks we believe in the distinct personhood and unique ministry of the 3rd person of The Holy Trinity - The Holy Spirit. We confess together He is:

# The Spirit Of Comfort

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever" John 14:16 (KJ21)

# III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

Our Father is kind; you be kind.... Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. Luke 6:36, 38 (MSG)

# KNOWING GOD THROUGH HIS NAMES

## IV. Jehovah Rohi - The LORD Is My Shepherd

Psalm 23:6 Part 6 Pastor Gary Barber

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Psalm 23:6a (NKJV)

Certainly, goodness and mercy will stay close to me all the days of my life. Psalm 23:6a (NOG)

• Goodness=tob (tove)

"good, best, bountiful, beautiful, prosperity, welfare"

Mercy = hesed

"love, lovingkindness, faithfulness, abundant favor, graciousness

"Your beauty [goodness] and love [mercy] chase after me every day of my life." Psalm 23:6a (MSG)

I realize that for the one who is truly in Christ's care, no difficulty can arise, no dilemma emerge, no seeming disaster descend on life without eventual good coming out of the chaos. This is to see the goodness and mercy of my Master in my life. It has become the great foundation of my faith and confidence in Him.

Phillip Keller

A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23, P. 129

• God's attributes of goodness and mercy flow out of His nature to us, embrace us, transform us, and then flow through us to bless others.

"For you, Lord, are good [tob] and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy [hesed] to all those who call upon you." Psalm 86:5 (NKJV)

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him. Fear the LORD, you His holy people, for those who fear Him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Psalm 34:8, 10 (NIV)

• The Lord's goodness and mercy leads us to want to change.

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4 (NIV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22, 23a (NASB)

Jesus wants His first to mark our lives and be distributed through us to bless others. Goodness and mercy follows us, embraces us, permeates us, and then flows through us to bless others.

Family Communion

The lovingkindnesses of Yahweh indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "Yahweh is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I wait for Him."

Lamentations 3:22-24 (LSB)



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