

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



January 14, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD. Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. Psalm 113:1-3 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

**Alliance Core Value #3**

Everything we have belongs to God. We are His stewards.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” I Chronicles 29:14 (NIV)

**40 DAYS**  
OF *prayer*

III. **His Now - The Adoption Power of The Holy Spirit**

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**Introduction - Genesis to Present- God moving closer to us**

- God is the source of all
- God is not a slave owner
  - We have freewill and we turned from God
- God has been chasing after us & reclaiming us through time
  - All of the Bible is the story of how God has been repairing this broken relationship. God has been moving closer and closer to humans through all of History.
- God devised a plan to make a way back for us

Tabernacle → Temple → Jesus → Holy Spirit → New Heaven & New Earth

Ezekiel 36:26-27 “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”

## John 14:16-27 NASB

**16** I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; **17** *the Helper is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know *Him*; *but* you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you. **18** “I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. **19** After a little while, the world no longer *is going to* see Me, but you *are going to* see Me; because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you *are* in Me, and I in you. **21** The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him.” **22** Judas (not Iscariot) \*said to Him, “Lord, what has happened that You are going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?” **23** Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make *Our* dwelling with him. **24** The one who does not love Me does not follow My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me. **25** “These things I have spoken to you while remaining with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you. **27** Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.

## The Spirit of Adoption - Jesus says “I will not leave you as orphans...”

- We are adopted - Romans 8:15-16 “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons *and daughters* by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” **16** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.”
- We are co-heirs with Christ - Romans 8:17 “And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.”
- We are His because we have His Spirit

“Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption” - J.I. Packer
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## What is the promise of comfort for this present age?

- To be His now = comfort for the present age
- To be His now = help for the present age
- To be His now = truth for the present age
- To be His now = peace for the present age
- To be His now = never alone for the present age

## Let us not Quench the Holy Spirit

- 1 Thessalonians 5:19
- 1 Corinthians 3:16
  - We are now the temple of God
  - We are now the Holy of Holies
- Fire in the temple = holy living
- Leviticus 6:13: “The fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it must not be extinguished.”
- Fire = personal revival that leads to corporate revival & renewal
- Revival = restoration to life, consciousness, vigor, strength
  - Makes us as the Body of Christ healthier
  - Witnesses to non-believers the truth of who God is and His power in your life.

## We are a Unique Community

- We are the only people on earth who have the Holy Spirit
- We are the only people on earth who are God’s sons and daughters
- Let’s take our identity seriously for the sake of the world

Application and time for response

#### IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

##### **Stewardship Principle #2**

We are managers not owners  
of the resources God entrusts to us.

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? Luke 16:11, 12 (NIV)

##### **4 Ways to Give:**

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2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes
4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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