# The Oaks Community Church Worship Guide



### I. A Call to Worship

For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:5

II. Family Confession & Greeting

## 3. We Are Thankful for the Enduring Love of the Lord

We are thankful for the steadfast love of the LORD that never ends. When we wander, He welcomes us back; when we are weak, His love holds us close. Thank you LORD, that through Christ, your love endures forever and never lets us go.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

# III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

And they received from Moses all the contributions that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary.

Exodus 36:3a (ESV)



IV.

Praising God For His Greatness
Psalm 145
Pastor Gary Barber

- 1. Praise opens our spiritual eyes to see God's greatness and power.
- 2. Praising God shatters and scatters God's enemies.
- 3. Praising God opens our heart to know Him better and have communion with Him.
- 4. Praise refreshes and spiritually energizes the weary.

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

Psalm 14:1-3 (NIV)

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm 145:3 (NKJV)

God is magnificent; He can never be praised enough. There are no boundaries to His greatness.

Psalm 145:3 (MSG)

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works. Psalm 145:4,5 (NIV)

Worship happens when the mind is gripped with the revelation of great truths about God and the heart and affections are set on fire with joy, satisfaction, gratitude, gladness, and admiration, and the mouth explodes in songs of praise and proclamations of the incomparable greatness of God.

Sam Storms, Understanding Worship, pg.16

They tell of the power of your awesome works. And I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 145:6,7 (NIV)

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.

Psalm 145:8,9 (NIV)

All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Psalm 145:10-13a (NIV)

The LORD is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does. The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Psalm 145:13b-16 (NIV)

The LORD is righteous in all His ways and faithful in all He does. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.

Psalm 145:17-19 (NIV)

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:3-5 (NKJV)

The LORD watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. Psalm 145:20 (NIV)

The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.

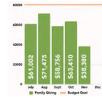
Isaiah 42:13 (NASB)

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise His holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 145:21 (NIV)

### **Community Group Questions**

- 1. Read Psalm 145:1–3 How does praising God help shift your focus from your own weaknesses to His greatness?
- 2. Read Isaiah 42:10-13 What truths impresses you from these verses? How have you seen praise bring peace, strength, or victory in times of spiritual warfare and in struggles you have faced?
- 3. Read Psalm 145:8–9 "The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love." What does this passage reveal about God's character, and how does praise help you know Him more deeply?
- 4. Read Psalm 145:4–7 "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." Who has modeled a life of praise for you, and how can you pass that on to others?
- 5. Read Psalm 145:13b–16 How can you apply these promises in your life in times of failure and times of need? Read Psalm 37:3-5 How do these promises encourage you at this current time in your life?
- 6. Read Psalm 145:21 "My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD; let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever." What would it look like for praise to become a lifestyle rather than just something we do at church?
- 7. Spend some time as a group thanking and praising God together. Lift your FRANCES up in prayer, that they will see God's goodness to them and turn to Him.



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