

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



*“Celebrating 29 Years of God’s Faithfulness”*

September 10, 2023

I. **Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving**

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150:6 (NIV)

II. **Family Confession & Greeting**

**The Oaks Purpose Statement**

"The purpose of the Oaks Community Church is to  
Grow Spirit-Filled Disciples of Jesus."

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)

**JESUS THE COURAGEOUS MAN**

"The Courage to Rebuild After a Death Experience"

Luke 23:50-24:32

Pastor Gary Barber

• The Burial of Jesus

And a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man (he had not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God; this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain.

Luke 23:50-53 (NASB)

❖ This fulfilled prophecy

And His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth. Isaiah 53:9 (NASB)

- The Resurrection of Jesus

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in gleaming clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why are you seeking the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise from the dead.”

Luke 24:1-7 (NASB)

Now these women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. Luke 24:10 (NASB)

- Jesus rebuilds two discouraged disciples.

And behold, on that very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. Luke 24:16-16 (NASB)

Then beginning with Moses and with all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures.... And then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to one another, “Were our hearts not burning within us when He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:27, 31, 32 (NASB)

- ❖ Despair, Death, Disintegration, Resurrection, Restoration

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. II Corinthians 1:8-11 (NIV)

- ❖ Where are you in despair? Where have you experienced “death”? Where do you need resurrection and the courage to rebuild?

And provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. Isaiah 61:3 (NIV)

- ❖ Prayer & Reflection

#### IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

##### Stewardship Principle #1

The tithe belongs to the Lord.  
We give God the first and the best of our income.

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.”  
Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.  
Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB)

##### **3 Ways to Give:**

1. Online at [www.theoaksweb.com](http://www.theoaksweb.com) or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
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

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