

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



July 28, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. I Corinthians 15:3, 4 (ESV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Alliance Core Value #2

Prayer is the primary work of God's people

““This is GOD’s Message, the God who made earth, made it livable and lasting, known everywhere as GOD: ‘Call to me and I will answer you. I’ll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.’ Jeremiah 33:2, 3 (MSG)



III. **“God’s New Living Temple”**
Ephesians 2:14-22
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ The Temple in Jerusalem

➤ Walls & Hostility Removed

For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in His flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility. Ephesians 2:14-16 (NIV)

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split.
Matthew 27:51 (NIV)

➤ Peace Imparted

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

Ephesians 2:17 (NIV)

- The Prince of Peace – Peace with God – The Peace of God – Romans 5:1; John 14:23, 16:33, 20:19, 21.

➤ Access Opened

For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2:18 (NIV)

➤ The Foundation & Cornerstone in Place

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19, 20 (NIV)

➤ God's New Living Sanctuary & Dwelling Place

In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

Ephesians 2:21, 22 (NIV)

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple.

I Peter 2:4, 5a (NLT)

Christ brought us together through His death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through Him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father. That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what He is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation.

Ephesians 2:16-20 (MSG)

Now He's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Ephesians 2:21, 22 (MSG)

➤ Prayer, Reflection, Application

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

As followers of Jesus we tithe (give 10%) of all our income as an act of worship because the tithe is holy to the LORD and belongs to Him

“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)

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