

# The Oaks Community Church Worship Guide



October 16, 2022

## I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!.... Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.  
Philippians 4:4, 5 (NIV) Psalm 100:2 (NASB)

## II. Family Confession & Greeting

### **The Oaks Community Church Priority #1**

We are a Word and Spirit church. We emphasize the teaching and application of the Bible and the fellowship and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you — they are full of the Spirit and life.”  
John 6:63 (NIV)



"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27 (NIV)

## III. Elijah: Hearing God, Confronting Darkness & Advancing God's Kingdom 1 Kings 18 & James 5:16-18 Pastor Gary Barber

❖ God's word to Elijah – return to Israel

“After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: “Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.”  
1 Kings 18:1, 2 (NIV)

“Elijah said, “As the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, I will surely present myself to Ahab today.” <sup>16</sup> So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. <sup>17</sup> When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” <sup>18</sup> “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the LORD’s commands and have followed the Baals. <sup>19</sup> Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.” <sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. <sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. <sup>23</sup> Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. <sup>24</sup> Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”  
1 Kings 18:16-24 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” <sup>28</sup> So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup> Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. <sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.”  
1 Kings 18:27-31 (NIV)

<sup>36</sup> At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again. <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. <sup>39</sup> When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!”  
1 Kings 18:36-39 (NIV)

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<sup>41</sup> And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” <sup>42</sup> So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.... <sup>45</sup> Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. <sup>46</sup> The power of the LORD came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.”  
1 Kings 18:41, 42; 45, 46 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours [with the same physical, mental, and spiritual limitations and shortcomings], and he prayed intensely for it not to rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its crops [as usual].”  
James 5:16b-18 (AMP)

Listen to God. Pray His will into being.

❖ Application

- Hearing God; Interceding & Representing Him

#### IV. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

We are to offer ourselves to God first and then present our tithes and offerings with gratitude.

“Brothers and sisters, in light of all I have shared with you about God’s mercies, I urge you to offer your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God, a sacred offering that brings Him pleasure; this is your reasonable, essential worship.”  
Romans 12:1 (Voice)

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