

## Spirit-filled Worship—Thanksgiving

Ephesians 5:17-21

Our mission at Oakland is to make passionate and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ.

Worship is **primary** for fulfilling God's Mission.

- Worship is our response to God's love to us.
- Our Passion, our Love for God is ignited and fanned through Worship.

Just as we cannot pray without the Spirit's help, we cannot truly worship without the Spirit.

Romans 8:26, John 4:23-24

According to Ephesians 5:18, the result of being filled with the Spirit is **praise, thanksgiving,** and **submission.**

### 1. Praise—worship in **song.**

*Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.* —Ephesians 5:19

**Speak to one another**--- horizontal songs.

▶ **Communal** aspect to Spirit-filled worship

Hebrews 10:25, Acts 2:42

...With **psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs**...

▶ Singing—**whole being** worship

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.* —Mark 12:30

**Psalms**—Scriptures, Greek word here means to strike with the hand, play a stringed instrument.

**Hymns**—Scriptural, songs of devotion- we usually think of classics; sacred songs.

Classic is a **relative** term.

Original hymns:

Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

Benedictus (Luke 1:68-70)

Nunc Dimitti (Luke 2:29-32)

Other canticles have been recognized in Christ-hymns:

Col. 1:15-20, Phil. 2:6-11, 1 Tim. 3:16, Eph. 5:14 (the baptismal hymn)  
Revelation 4, *Thou art worthy*, and *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Spiritual Songs**—modern songs, Spirit inspired songs.

*Sing and make music in your heart* to the Lord.

*He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.* —Psalm 40:3

**Promised Savior**, “Long ago a promise given and all the world was awaiting when new songs would begin and we’d be saved from sin.”

▶ **Vertical Aspect of Praise—singing to God**

Vs. 19b, *Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord*

## 2. Thanksgiving

*Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything* —Ephesians 5:20

## 3. Submission

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.* —Ephesians 5:21

Isaiah 6:8, Acts 13:2

Don’t make decisions in the **valleys**.

Heed the Words received on the **mountaintop**.

## Ultimate worship and Submission

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, “*Yet not my will, but yours be done.*” —Luke 22:42

## True Spirit-filled Worship

**Sing Praise, Give Thanks, and**

**Let go and let God have His way.**

**Get going and do what God has spoken.**