

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



July 27, 2025

I. A Call to Worship

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

At The Oaks we believe in the distinct personhood and unique ministry of the 3rd person of The Holy Trinity - The Holy Spirit. We confess together He is:

The Spirit of Holiness

And who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 1:4 (NIV)

III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NIV)



IV. Jehovah Shalom – The LORD Our Peace
Judges 6:1-24
Pastor Gary Barber

- Turmoil, Disruption, Upheaval, Conflict, Stress, Chaos, Drama, Anxiety

The name of Jehovah is a strong tower [fortress; castle], the righteous runs into it and is safe [set on high]. Proverbs 18:10

❖ The Book of Judges

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25 (NASB)

- Bible Project Video Overview
- Judges – Cycles of Sin and Deliverance
 - Sin
 - Oppression
 - Repentance
 - Deliverance
 - Peace

❖ Israel's Problem

¹ Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD gave them into the hands of Midian seven years. ² The power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.... ⁶ So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD. ⁷ Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD on account of Midian, ⁸ that the LORD sent a prophet to the sons of Israel.... ¹⁰ and I said to you, "I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not obeyed Me."” Judges 6:1,2,6,7,8a,10 (NASB)

❖ God's Solution- The Messenger of Jehovah

¹¹ Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save it from the Midianites. ¹² The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior.... ¹³ Then Gideon said to him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." ¹⁴ The LORD looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?.... ¹⁵ He said to Him, "O LORD, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house." ¹⁶ But the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as one man." Judges 6:11-16 (NASB)

- The Angel [Malak] of Jehovah is the preincarnate Christ

❖ Jehovah Shalom

When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, he said, "Alas, O LORD God! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face." The LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die." Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD is Peace [Jehovah Shalom]. Judges 6:22-24a (NASB)

- Jesus' words after His resurrection

So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and *said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." John 20:19-21(NASB)

Shalom= Peace, Wholeness, Prosperity, Health, Completeness, Well being, [Stillness]

- Gideon destroys the family idols – Judges 6:25-32
- Midian invades Israel; Gideon's Fleece – Judges 6:33-40
- Gideon's army reduced – Judges 7:1-18

The LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, for Israel would become boastful, saying, 'My own power has delivered me.'" Judges 7:2 (NASB)

- Jehovah throws Israel's enemies into confusion and they are defeated.

When they blew 300 trumpets, the LORD set the sword of one against another even throughout the whole army.... Judges 7:22a (NASB)

- ❖ Jehovah Shalom wants to give you His peace today.

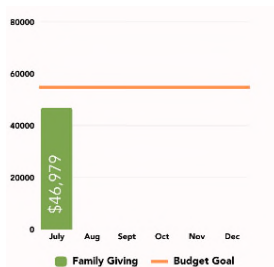
- What does Jehovah Shalom mean for you?

"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NASB)

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:5, 6 (NIV)

Thou wilt keep him [her] in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he [she] trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the LORD Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isaiah 26:3, 4 (KJV)

- ❖ Prayer & Reflection



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