

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



August 24, 2025

I. A Call to Worship

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.  
Colossians 3:16 (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 Hope**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13 (NIV)

III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your crops (income); then your barns will be abundantly filled and your vats will overflow with new wine.  
Proverbs 3:9, 10 (AMP)



IV. Jehovah Shammah –  
Knowing & Experiencing God's Presence  
Ezekiel 36:25-27 & 48:35  
Pastor Bethany Rivera

Part 1 - Review - God's Names

- Review Gideon, Jehovah Shalom, Finishing Well

Part 2 - Ezekiel Introduction & God's Presence Timeline

- The Temple Bible Project Video
- Diamond Illustration

- The history of the Bible is God's intimate personal presence with humans and after the fall His desire, pursuit, and plan to be increasingly closer to us

### Part 3 - God's Plan and Name Revealed in Ezekiel

- **God gives us a new heart and His Spirit**
- **Ez 36:25-27**
  - **25** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. **26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
- The climatic end to the book of Ezekiel - the very last verse says:
- Ez 48:35 **“And the name of the city from that time on will be: the LORD is there.” “Jehovah Shammah”**

### The name of our God is “The Present One”

### Part 4 - Categories of God's Presence

- God's Presence is Everywhere (Omnipresent) - Psalm 139
- God's Presence can Manifest - 2 Chronicles 5:14
- God's Physical presence in creation - in Eden (Genesis 1-3) and in The New Heaven and New Earth (Rev 21), Jesus's presence on Earth - John 1:14
- Indwelling Us - John 14:17

### Part 5 - God's Presence Changes Everything

- Spurgeon Quote:
  - “THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS THE BEST PRIVILEGE OF HIS CHURCH... Let me solemnly remind you always that our chief, our only strength, must always lie in this-“the LORD is there.”
- Thirsty tired people are searching for the presence of God
- Is God's presence here?

### Part 6 - Corporate Worship and Opening to God's Presence - POW

- **People**
  - God's Holy Spirit and presence is in and among His people - Matthew 18:20
  - Spurgeon quote: *“Wherever YOU go God is there too - you carry the presence of God in this dry and weary land”*
- **Obeying God's word**
  - John 14:23 NIV Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home (Dwell) with them.
- **Worship**
  - Psalm 22:3 (KJV) says, “God is enthroned in the praises of His people” or “ God inhabits the praises of His people.”

### Part 8 - Individual Response - APP

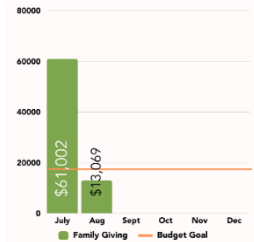
- **Awareness**
  - Open to the truth that God is always there
- **Prayer**
  - Ask God to be with you, pray and open to His presence

- **Practice**
  - Do this every day - Practice God's presence

Brother Lawrence - *The Practice of the Presence of God*

## Prayer Meditation

- Jehovah Shammah is here - God is present - God is among His people
- Jehovah Shammah is here - God is in me - His Spirit indwells me
- Jehovah Shammah is here - The God of the universe is here right now - We are filled with God's presence



Thank you for your generous giving to the ministry of The Oaks. Your prayers and giving are changing lives.

YTD Budget Need: \$92,250

YTD Tithes & Offering: \$74,071

Please note that our giving totals will be updated on **Sunday, August 30th**, as our treasurer is currently on vacation. Thank you for your understanding and continued generosity!

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