

# NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

NORRIS, TENNESSEE



OCTOBER 25TH

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*IN THINGS AGREED UPON UNITY,*

*IN OTHER THINGS LIBERTY,*

*IN ALL THINGS THE WILL TO BE ONE.*

*“Do as the heavens have done, forget your evil.  
With them forgive yourself.”*

--William Shakespeare, *The Winter Tale*

*We Gather for Worship*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Prayers** For wellness in our community. For Carolyn Stribling, Faye Grantham, the family of Howard Helton, Amity Hargis, Linda Fowler, Joe Croft, Bob Gregory, Col. H.E Wolfe, Len Helton, Kristina (Yvonne’s daughter), Mary Shelton, Harriet Hensley, Carolyn Stribling, and Lois Wolfe. For those recovering from natural disasters, Ukraine, Gaza, all refugees, all elected officials, peacekeepers, change agents, the ICCC, and our fellowship community.

**Bible Study** Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, October 28<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall and via zoom. Zoom info will be posted in the Weekly Newsletter and sent out via email the day of Bible Study.

**Theology on Tap** Theology on Tap will meet on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Clinch River Brewery. All are invited to join.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Prayer shawl ministry meets Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Fellowship Breakfast** Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am at Shoney’s.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Before the mountains were born,

**Many: God was present and dreaming of us.**

One: Before the law was given,

**Many: God's love was present and blessing us.**

One: Before we knew God's love,

**Many: God's love knew us.**

One: And now God invites us to live in this love

**Many: and to share it abundantly with all.**

One: May we be children of love

**Many: who bring love to God's world.**

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**\*Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"** (Red Hymnal, p. 38)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*We Offer Our Praise and Prayer*

Morning psalm: 90:1-6, 13-17

**Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”** (Red Hymnal, p. 642)

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*We Attend to the Word*

Sermon: “Forgiving Ourselves” Dr. Bill Ireland  
Matthew 27:3-10

**\*Hymn: "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" (Red Hymnal, p. 180)**

1 I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.

Refrain:

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
sing it with the saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

2 I was lost: but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way. [Refrain]

3 Faint was I, and fears possessed me,  
bruised was I from many a fall;  
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:  
but his love has pardoned all. [Refrain]

4 Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led. [Refrain]

5 He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet. [Refrain]

## **\*Benediction**

### **\*The Irish Blessing**

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind blow at your back.  
May the sun shine warmly on your face,  
May the rain fall softly on your field.  
And until we meet again,  
Til' we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Postlude