

NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

NORRIS, TENNESSEE



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IN THINGS AGREED UPON UNITY,

IN OTHER THINGS LIBERTY,

IN ALL THINGS THE WILL TO BE ONE.

Only after Jesus *finished* all of his work which he had been sent to do and faced the fact that death was near did he think of himself enough to say, *I thirst*, thereby reflecting his full involvement in one of the most agonizing accompaniments of crucifixion.” --William Hull, *John*

We Gather for Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers For wellness in our community. For Louna and family, Col. H.E Wolfe, the family of Charlie Duncan, Len Helton, Kristina (Yvonne’s daughter), Mary Shelton, Harriet Hensley, Carolyn Stribling, Howard Helton, and Lois Wolfe. For those recovering from natural disasters, Ukraine, Gaza, all refugees, all elected officials, peacekeepers, change agents, the ICC, and our fellowship community.

Prayer Table & Offering: Our Prayer Table gives us the opportunity to sign a notecard for someone who is in special need of prayer. We also place our offering plate on the Prayer Table because all of our gifts to God are prayerful offerings. We understand spirits nudge can come when we least expect it. To make giving simple and safe, you will find the QR code on the prayer table is an easy link to paypal account, NorrisRF.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Community Game Night We will host a Community Game Night on Friday, March 20th at 6pm. Join us for a fun night with family, friends, and neighbors. There will be plenty of games available or bring a favorite of your own. Bring your favorite snacks. Beverages will be provided.

Easter Flowers Easter Flowers are available to purchase in memory or honor of a loved one to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Please fill out one of the cards on the Prayer Table and place it in the offering plate. Cost of each lily is \$20.

Bible Study Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, March 18th at 7pm via zoom. Zoom info will be sent out by email the day of Bible Study and posted in the Weekly Newsletter.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Come people of God, with hearts open to the One who restores.

Many: We come, bringing our wounds, our worries, and our weariness.

One: In God's presence, hope is rekindled and new beginnings take root.

Many: We lift our eyes to the Lord, the source of our strength and joy.

One: Christ, our Healer, meets us with grace that mends the broken places.

Many: We receive His mercy, His peace, and His renewing love.

One: The Holy Spirit calls us into a life set apart, clothed in holiness.

Many: We will walk in the light, live in God's love, and worship in Spirit and in truth.

All: Come, let us worship the God of hope, the Healer of our souls, the Holy One who makes all things new.

--Copied from Mother Emanuel AME Church

***Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"** (Red Hymnal, p. 295)

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace;
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

We Offer Our Praise and Prayer

Morning Psalm: 23

Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Red Hymnal, p. 32)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer
The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

We Attend to the Word

Sermon: "I Am Thirsty" Dr. Bill Ireland
John 19:28-30

***Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"** (Red Hymnal, p. 693)

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [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