

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.

In *John*, Jesus, who has come from God, has completed the commission that the Father has given him, so that his death becomes a deliberate decision that all is now finished by one who is in control... Accordingly, his 'It is finished' refers both to the work the Father has given him to do and to the fulfillment of Scripture."

--Raymond Brown, *The Death of the Messiah, Volume 2*

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 ICCC, 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.

Study Group Study Group will meet on Tuesday, March 24th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a study led by Sara Brubaker.

Theology on Tap Theology on Tap meets on Friday, March 27th at 4pm at Clinch River Brewery. All are invited to join.

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 25th at 7pm via zoom. Zoom info will be sent out by email the day of Bible Study and posted in the Weekly Newsletter.

Plant Sale Plants are needed for the Annual Plant Sale on April 18th. If you have some to share and need help to dig them up please call the Church Office and leave a message.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

One: O Lord, everything seems dead, like a valley filled with dry bones.

Many: There is no life anywhere.

One: Our hopes have perished.

Many: We see no future.

One: Send the power of your spirit upon us.

Many: Breathe new life into us and bring us out of the grave.

One: We wait for your transforming love.

Many: We hope. We wait. We trust.

--From Ezekiel 37:1-14

***Hymn: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

(Red Hymnal, p. 164, vv. 1-4)

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

We Offer Our Praise and Prayer

Morning Psalm: 130

Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Attend to the Word and Come to the Table

Sermon: "It Is Finished" Dr. Bill Ireland
John 19:28-30

The Observance of Communion

***Hymn: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"** (Red Hymnal, p. 530)

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

***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.**