

# NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

NORRIS, TENNESSEE



**MAY 3RD**

**DR. BILL IRELAND**

*IN THINGS AGREED UPON UNITY,*

*IN OTHER THINGS LIBERTY,*

*IN ALL THINGS THE WILL TO BE ONE.*

“The thematic motif of troubled hearts near the beginning (14:1) and the end (14:27) of this section suggests that its primary purpose was to provide reassurance for a community that was fearful....”

--William Hull, *John*

## *We Gather for Worship*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Prayers** For wellness in our community. For Matthew Borgers, 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.

**Bible Study** Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm via zoom. Zoom info will be sent out in the Weekly Newsletter and via email the day of Bible Study. This will be the last Bible Study until Fall.

**Theology on Tap** Theology on Tap will meet on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Clinch River Brewery. This will be the last meeting until Fall.

**Norris Food Pantry** The donation focus for the Norris Food Pantry for the month of May is toothpaste and floss. Donations can be placed in the box provided in the narthex.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Let us come to Christ, our cornerstone.

**Many: Christ has called us here.**

One: Trust in God, our firm foundation.

**Many: God is with us here.**

One: Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

**Many: May the Spirit guide our way.**

**\*Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth”** (Red Hymnal, p. 116)

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight, [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

5 For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely giv'n,  
graces human and divine,  
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, [Refrain]

*We Offer Our Praise and Prayer*

Morning Psalm: 31:1-5, 15-16

**Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”** (Red Hymnal, p. 521)

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*We Attend to the Word*

Sermon: “Three Promises” Dr. Bill Ireland  
John 14:1-14

**\*Hymn: “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”** (Red Hymnal, p. 600)

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful foll'wer I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

4 And when my task on earth is done,  
when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]

## **\*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