

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 this scene the repentant criminal is given the role of the reliable and perceptive interpreter of Jesus, whose insight contrasts with the blindness of all those who are rejecting Jesus.”

--Robert C. Tannehill, *The Narrative Unity of Luke-Acts, Volume 1*

We Gather for Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers For wellness in our community. For Col. H.E Wolfe, the family of Charlie Duncan, Len Helton, Kristina (Yvonne’s daughter), Mary Shelton, Harriet Hensley, Carolyn Stribling, Howard Helton, Karoline Berg, 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.

Theology on Tap Theology on Tap will meet on Friday, February 27th at 4pm at the Clinch River Brewery. All are invited to join.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, February 24th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Book Donations We are still accepting donations of books for the upcoming Book Fair. Books may be left in the shed. Sign up sheet to help with book fair is in the narthex. We also need cookies, fudge, and brownies. Please label if foods have nuts, eggs, or are gluten free.

Needed Totes needed for the book fair. We want our friends to pick out a lot of favorites and fill their totes.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

Many: Let us rejoice in our God, who has made a way through the desert of this world.

One: Let us worship God, who makes streams of mercy flow in wasteland places.

Many: Let us choose this day to worship the One whose grace sustains us.

All: Amen!

***Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" (Red Hymnal, p. 55)**

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (Refrain)

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

We Offer Our Praise and Prayer

Morning Psalm: 32

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: "Today ... In Paradise" Dr. Bill Ireland
Luke 23:43

***Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This”**

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

***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