

Thursday evening worship: Matthew 10:34-39

*Not peace, but a sword... whoever loves anything else more than Jesus is not worthy*

**Gathering Music:**

The Missing Peace

Holy, Holy, Holy

Processional: <https://youtu.be/IctD9l4F-ag> Josh Garrels, Further Along

Prayer of the Day:

God you have written a story in us. Holy Spirit you breathe life into us. Let our voices be woven together by God our creator who is still writing a story in us.

**Sung Call to Worship: CHOIR, One Voice (need choir mics, on stage)**

**Call to Confession**

It takes a great deal of energy to live the life for which God created us... and sometimes, we are simply too exhausted. But there is good news:

We may grow weary...

We may grow tired and indifferent...

But the Holy Spirit breathes into the very depths of our being, restoring us to lives that reflect the profound goodness of God.

So let us take a moment in silence to consider our own faults and failings before joining together in our prayer of confession.

>silence is kept<

Rev. Scott Cervas, Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

Prayer of Confession

**Challenging God, you created us in your image, but we do not see divinity in one another. We tarnish your reflection as we pursue our own interests, instead of stepping back to offer welcome and hospitality. We seek our own version of justice instead of loving our neighbors and our enemies. It is not just our choice of stress over belief, but the opportunities we miss to share comfort and faith. You are often not the first we choose, and we are often busy seeking to find our own lives rather than looking to follow you. Forgive us. Help us, O God, to do justice, to love mercy, and walk with us. Empower us with the courage to love with reckless abandon. Amen.**

**Song: Sunrise to Sunset**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all.

Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, You are accepted, you are welcomed. You are forgiven, you are set free. You are loved forever.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you**

Peace Like a River

**Prayers of the People:** liturgical dance - [https://youtu.be/M\\_3yoOU3-eQ](https://youtu.be/M_3yoOU3-eQ)

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this Word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

From Caldwell Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC Prayers for Illumination

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 10:34-39

Sermon

**Response: You're Still Writing A Story**

Offering

**Songs for Offering:**

Multiplied

Come Thou Fount

Prayer of Dedication

What more can we offer, Gracious God, than our finances, our resources, our time, our talents, our lives?

**Each gift on its own doesn't amount to much, but in community, we offer these gifts in response to your tremendous abundance.**

Together, this beloved community offers you all of this and our love, and our offering becomes more, not simply added together but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.

**Bless these gifts, and with the addition of your blessing, may abundance fill to overflowing the grace, mercy, peace and love given for the glory of your name and the service of your children. Amen.**

**Song: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

**BENEDICTION**

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