Thursday  
**Call to Worship***
When the shouts of anger and hostility pound upon our ears ...  
quiet our hearts, O God, to hear your voice.  
When the arrogance of the world and the carelessness of people threaten to destroy your creation ...  
help us be strong in our service of hope and peace.  
O God, hear our voices and our prayers.  
Be with us as we worship you today.

**Music**  
**Contemporary**  
Peace   Josh Baldwin  
[https://youtu.be/mO9NNVoyO3k](https://youtu.be/mO9NNVoyO3k)

**Traditional**  
Psalm 23   Craig Courtney  
[https://youtu.be/herFXe0Xx8w](https://youtu.be/herFXe0Xx8w)

**Scripture Reading**  
Proverbs 14:29  

Ecclesiastes 7:1-9  

**Personal Reflection**

**Prayer**
God, some days I just want to scream! Some days I do scream....well, for me I usually resort to biting sarcasm, barbed words, a tone of disgust in my voice. Anger seems to be more a part of who I am these days, and I don’t like it. It keeps me agitated all day long. I want to see the best in people, want to believe that people are basically good, want to accept that others have equally valid views, beliefs, and ideas though they might differ from mine. I try – but today I’m just stuck in anger. I’m angry at what I perceive to be the general stupidity of people. I’m angry because common sense seems to have left all humanity! I’m angry at them, I’m angry at you and I’m even angry at me for being angry! I need your peace, O God. I need you to lead me beside still waters. I need you to restore my soul. I need you, O God. Amen.

**Benediction**
Lead me this day, O Lord.  
Help me go forth renewed and restored.  
Help me lead others to know the peace that only you can provide.  
Amen.

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