



"The Foxes Have Holes," Stanley Spencer (1891-1959)

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Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 2025

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PRELUDE

“Every Time I Feel The Spirit”
Chaim Sciamma, flute

Arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How do we follow you, O Christ, in a world of perspectives different from our own?

All: We pray for those who may think, look, and believe differently from us.

One: How do we do your will, O Christ, in a world full of dangers, pits, and snares?

All: We pray for governments and nations who are at war.

We pray for leaders and lawmakers to enact justice and peace.

One: How do we open our homes to you, O Christ, the one who does not have a place to lay your head?

All: We pray for people seeking sanctuary, people with no place to sleep, and people who offer shelter to those in need.

One: How do we trust you, O Christ, while we cling to certainty and comfort?

All: We pray for the courage to follow you in power and in truth.

And we offer you our hearts in worship, praying for a better Way.

*OPENING HYMN #753 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Christopher Lee Reisman, son of Caitlin Huber and John Reisman*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #486 “*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*” (v 1)
*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

God of mercy, we confess that we too often give in to the yearnings weakness of the flesh.

We choose what is easy over what is right. We prefer the safe path to the path of righteousness.

We neglect to care for others, and we gratify our own desires.

Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin. Help us to rise up and live as you would have us live:

with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA (#581)** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Faithful God, sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you with lives of service and courage, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 9:51-62

SERMON "Foxholes and Birdnests"

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #835 (*verses 1 & 2*)

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN (*congregation singing*)

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

"I Got A Robe"

Arr. Harry Burleigh

Chaim Sciamma, soloist

*I got a robe, you got a robe, all of God's children got a robe; When I get to heaven going to put on my robe,
Going to shout all over God's heaven, heaven, Everybody talking 'bout heaven ain't going there, heaven,
heaven,*

Going to shout all over God's heaven.

*I got a shoes, you got a shoes, all of God's children got a shoes; When I get to heaven going to put on my shoes,
Going to walk all over God's heaven, heaven, Everybody talking 'bout heaven ain't going there, heaven,
heaven,*

Going to shout all over God's heaven.

*I got a harp, you got a harp, all of God's children got a harp; When I get to heaven going to play on my harp,
Going to play all over God's heaven, heaven, Everybody talking 'bout heaven ain't going there, heaven,
heaven,*

Going to shout all over God's heaven.

***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #432 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“This Little Light of Mine”
Chaim Sciamma, flute

Arr. Joel Raney

*You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated.
Feel free to greet your neighbors!*

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

- Today's flowers are given in celebration of the baptism of Christopher Lee Reisman by his grandparents, Philip and Rebecca Reisman.
- If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- We look forward to having everyone join us in the fall for Men's Bible study, Women's Bible study, Sunday School and Youth Group.
- **Compassion Camp volunteers are greatly needed! Please email Rev. Claunch to sign up.**

FELLOWSHIP

- Coffee served in Russell Hall today at 11:15 am.
- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.

MUSIC

Looking for ways to get involved? Joining the choir is a great way to make a joyful noise (and some great friends as well). Call the church office or email dkostner@lacny.org for more details.

SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection: lacoffice@lacny.org
- [Midnight Run – Sat. Aug. 2 @ 4pm, Russell Hall](#)

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

11:00 am Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 1

7:00 pm Al Anon (Library)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

THURSDAY, JULY 3

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, JULY 4 – HAPPY FOURTH

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753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

Continued

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

The musical score is written on two staves in the key of D major (two sharps). The first staff contains the lyrics 'un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, to be' with chords G, Em, F#m, and Bm above it. The second staff contains the lyrics 'loved as to love with all my soul.' with chords E, E7, A, E, and A above it. A bracket connects the final 'A' chord to the text 'to Stanza 4' and 'A7'.

un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, to be

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4
A7

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 E^b B^b Cm A^b E^b B^b E^b

- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F[#]m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 B^b7 E^b B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en-deav-ored, done.

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