

"The Plumb Line and the City," Clark Fitzgerald (2010)

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 13, 2025

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“God Has Spoken through the Prophets”
Jordan Pak, viola

Arr. Jason Krug

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

***THE PEACE**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come with willing hearts and eager minds.

All: Lead us in your truth, O God of our salvation!

One: We come in our weakness and wander.

All: Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation!

One: We come seeking the path of justice.

All: We are ready to follow, O God of our salvation!

***OPENING HYMN #450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of mercy, your righteousness reveals what is straight and what is crooked. You show us what is true, but we twist the truth toward our own ends. Your measures are just, but we put our thumbs on the scales. While you are busy building a world based on equity and love, our own contributions are often skewed by greed and fear.

Forgive us, Lord, for our crooked ways. Realign us according to your holy standards.

Create in us clean hearts, so that we may walk in righteousness and truth...

(time for silent prayer)

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, as we open your Word this morning, we ask you to show us what is straight, what is true, and what is good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3:2-3, 16-19a

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-17

SERMON

“Telling It Straight”

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #353 (verse 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.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

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

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"
Jordan Pak, viola

Arr. Daniel Pinkson

***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 #543** "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"The Solid Rock"
Jordan Pak, viola

Arr. Brant Adams

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.*

**Please stand if you are able .*

TODAY'S MUSICAL GUEST

Jordan Pak, a recent high school graduate and a regular musical guest of LAC,
will attend Columbia University in the fall

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

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

FLOWERS

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.

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.

MUSIC

SERVICE

SEEKERS



LAC SEEKERS kicks off with a very special event on 9/6 at 8 PM

An Evening with Carrie Newcomer, singer, songwriter, poet, and activist.

Hailed by Rolling Stone Magazine as "asking all the right questions." Carrie has 20 nationally released albums to her credit. We're so pleased that her soulful, bluesy voice will fill our sanctuary for this very special evening!

Learn more about Carrie on our website. Reserve your seat, spread the word, and be sure to stay for the Champagne and Confections reception to follow the concert.



SCAN TO REGISTER
AND LISTEN TO CARRIE'S MUSIC

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JULY 13

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, JULY 15

7:00 pm Al Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY, JULY 17

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

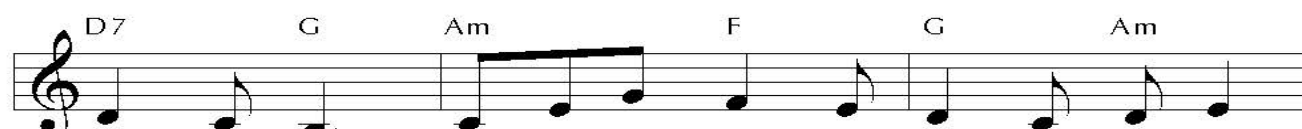
These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.