**Lafleche-Limerick Pastoral Charge**

**May 18th, 2025**

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*When you see an asterisk ( \* )*

*you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

*Congregational responses are in the plain, bold text.*

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*VU = Voices United (Burgundy) MV = More Voices (Spiral-bound)*

***Acknowledging the Territory***

As we gather in this Easter season of resurrection and new life, we respectfully acknowledge Treaty 4 territory, as well as the Lakota Nation and the Métis people who call this land home. We honor this land, cherished by those who have tended to Turtle Island for generations with wisdom and care. In this season of hope and renewal, we commit ourselves again to the sacred work of justice, reconciliation, and right relationship, trusting in the Spirit’s power to bring life out of what was broken. May it be so.

***Call to Worship:***

Come, everyone…the Spirit is at work!

**Come, everyone…bring yourselves before God this day!**

Come, everyone…open your hearts to God’s call to you and others!

**Come, everyone…it is time to worship!**

***Lighting the Christ Candle***

***Prayer of Approach:***

**God of Our Ancestors,**

**God of Our Time,**

**God of All That Is To Come,**

**we gather today from many places in our lives,**

**coming together to share our lives with you and one another.**

**We gather to be aware of the places your Spirit is at work**

**in this church and in the world around us.**

**We gather to sing, and pray, and be in your presence.**

**May this be a holy time and we your holy people. Amen.**

\****Hymn:*** VU #229 God of the Sparrow

***Scripture:*** Acts 15:1-21

***Time With All God’s Children***

\****Hymn:*** MV #156 Dance With the Spirit

***Sermon***: A Big Tent With Walls

***Proclaiming Our Faith:*** A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

 We believe in God:

 who has created and is creating,

 who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

 who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

 to celebrate God’s presence,

 to live with respect in Creation,

 to love and serve others,

 to seek justice and resist evil,

 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

***Invitation to the Offering***

\****Offertory Hymn:*** VU #541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures high and low;

give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

\****Offertory Prayer***

***Prayers of the People*** *(Lord’s Prayer: Dallas Willard)*

**Our good Father,**

**always near us,**

**May your name be**

**treasured and loved.**

**May your rule be completed in us**

**May your will be done here on earth**

**in just the way it is done in heaven.**

**Give us today**

**the things we need today,**

**And forgive our sins**

**and impositions on you**

**As we are forgiving all**

**who in any way offend us.**

**Lead us not into trouble,**

**But deliver us**

**from anything that's bad.**

**Because you are the one in charge,**

**And you have all the power,**

**And the glory, too, is all yours**

**-forever –**

**Which is just the way we want it!**

\****Hymn:*** VU #820 Make A Joyful Noise

***Commissioning and Benediction***

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