**Lafleche-Limerick Pastoral Charge**

**June 8th, 2025**

**Worship Leader: Fawn**

**Regina Hospital Chaplain: Lorna King - 306-551-7755**

*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:***

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place…

Today, we gather in many places and ways, yet we are one in heart!

Touched by the spirit, the first disciples were enlivened.

**By the spirit, we live and thrive!**

On the day of Pentecost, the church was born.

**Today, we celebrate 100 years of being the United Church!**

In their gathering that day, people were changed by Spirit.

**In our gathering today, we seek the Spirit’s direction for tomorrow.**

With open hearts, let us worship God and pray for the

Spirit’s presence amongst us.

***Lighting the Christ Candle***

***Prayer of Approach:***

**Awsome God,**

**On Pentecost, you gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to an expectant and united church. And by your Spirit, you bring us to this time and place to lift our hearts, minds, and bodies to worship you.**

**Grant us the hope of the same Spirit in our life and worship.**

**Help us to expect great things from you, and attempt**

**great things for you!**

**We are diverse in many ways, but our hearts are one in you.**

**May we show the world the love we experience in Jesus, and the power we find in the Spirit as we seek to honour your dream.**

**To your glory be our worship and witness. Amen.**

\****Hymn: VU: 651*** *Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah*

***Prayer of Confession***

*The act of confession is a way that we admit to dampening the movement of the Spirit in our lives and the world. We invite you to roll up your streamer and hold it in your hand during the Prayer of Confession as we reflect on the ways that we limit the movement of the Spirit.*

*Gracious God,*

*Time and again, you send us the gift of your Spirit.*

*Time and again, you send us the gift of your dreams.*

*Time and again, you love us back into being.*

*And time and again, we turn away from you.*

***Gracious God, forgive us***

***for all the times we have twisted or forgotten your Good News,***

***For all the times in which we have confused unity with “sameness”,***

***For all the times we have failed to let your Kingdom inspire our living, We are sorry.***

*For the times we have tried to be the church without you,*

*For the times we have doubted your presence and power to work in us*

*For the times we have believed the lie that there is not enough and we are not enough, forgive us.*

*Take away all the ways that we have fallen into hubris and fear,*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Janelle will be on Sabbatical from June 2nd to August 31st this summer, working on renewal of learning, spirit, and body. During this time there will be no virtual (Zoom or Facebook Live) service. Virtual services will resume in September. **For pastoral emergencies or support during June and August, please call Michele Rowe at 306-661-0005. In July, please call Wendy Gibson at 306-354-7506.**
* Worship in June and August will be joint services at 10:30 AM and there will be no services during July at either building. Mark July 20 in your calendars as Camp Sunday, though! June will be joint services in Limerick and August will be in Lafleche.

*Missing the mark as individuals and as a denomination, and in your mercy, help us to move into the future you have for us.*

***Open our hearts, God.***

***May your spirit ignite your dreams in us again!***

***This we pray in Christ’s holy and powerful name. Amen.***

***Words of Assurance***

*Dear Ones of God, receive these words and take heart:*

*Good poured out the Gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, healing hearts and divisions, empowering the church to move forward in Christ’s spirit.*

*And God continues to pour out the Holy Spirit on us today.*

*So, let us rejoice in God’s love and forgiveness, And share this blessing with all those we meet, for we are forgiven, and we blessed to be a blessing.*

***All: Thanks be to God! Amen.***

***\*Hymn:*** *MV 122 This is the day*

***Scripture:*** Ephesians 1:15-19, 3:16-21

***Time With All God’s Children***

\****Hymn:*** MV 156 Dance with the Spirit

***Sermon***: A rich history with God

***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,

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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:*** 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: John Philip Newell)*

**Holy One beyond all names**

**Eternal Wellspring**

**May love rise again in us today**

**With food for every table**

**Shelter for every family**

**And reverence for every life.**

**Forgive us our failings in love**

**And free us from all falseness**

**That the light of our souls may shine**

**And the strength of our spirits endure**

**For Earth and all its people**

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