**Lafleche-Limerick Pastoral Charge**

**May 25th, 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:***

We come from the securities and the uncertainties of life.

**From the realm of society and the realm of God.**

From lives of peace and lives of conflict.

**We come to find the rock on which we build our lives.**

We come to worship the One who calls us to seek peace even when it leads to conflict.

**As individuals and as a community of faith, let us worship God.**

***Lighting the Christ Candle***

* anyone who would like to join to come along! The choir will sing two anthems at the anniversary service. There will be four practices in which you are welcome to participate (but even if you can’t make the May practices, we still welcome you to sing on June 1st): Wed, May 21 (just before 7 pm), Wed, May 28 (just before 7 pm), Sun, June 1 (6 pm practice before the service starts at 7 pm that day).
* Camp registration is open! There are four camps to choose from this year, so if you know campers between the ages of 6 and 13, please encourage them to register. We can’t wait to see them there! Registration closes June 15th.
* 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.

**KEEPING PEOPLE IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS**

- Rob Alspach - Brent Seebach

- Donna (Nelson)Sewell - Dorothy Reimche

- Clarke Seebach - Carol Allen

***Prayer of Approach:***

**Creator God, we come before you today eager to know your presence. Like the disciple of so long ago, may you teach us your ways and like Lydia may we turn our hearts to you. You have promised that where two or three have gathered you are there with them. God, today we are gathered. Be with us as we worship, we pray. Amen.**

\****Hymn:*** MV #79 Spirit Open My Heart

***Scripture:*** John 14:23-39; Acts 16:9-15

***Time With All God’s Children***

\****Hymn:*** VU #577 I’ve Got Peace Like A River

***Sermon***: For the Love of Peace

***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:*** 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***

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

\****Hymn:*** VU #664 What A Friend We Have in Jesus

***Commissioning and Benediction***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* The United Church is 100 years old on June 10th. We will be celebrating on Sunday, June 8th in Limerick at 10:30 AM with Fawn leading worship. Invite your friends to this special service. We are also collecting socks to share with community groups like Carmichael Outreach, the Indigenous Christian Fellowship, and our local food banks so that they can then share them with those who are most in need of a good pair of socks. If you have some to share, you can bring them to the Lafleche Church before June 8th, or bring them with you to service that day. Thanks so much for your generosity!
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