**Lafleche-Limerick Pastoral Charge**

**May 11th, 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, all who seek the presence of God—not only in the center, but at the edge.

**Come, wanderers on wilderness roads, searchers reading ancient words, those with questions too long unasked.**

God meets us not only in temples, but in chariots, deserts, and unexpected companions.

**God calls us to listen, to journey, to open our hearts.**

Let us worship the One who shows up on the margins—offering welcome, understanding, and good news.

**We come, ready to listen, ready to learn, ready to be transformed.**

***Lighting the Christ Candle***

***Prayer of Approach:***

**God of every road—familiar and strange, paved and wilderness—you meet us where we are, and call us to places we did not expect to go. You come alongside us in questions we cannot answer, in scriptures that stir our hearts, in voices we might have missed if we weren’t paying attention. Draw near to us now. Open us to your Spirit’s prompting, to stories that stretch our understanding, to companions who surprise us with their wisdom. All this we pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.**

\****Hymn:*** VU #232 Joyful, Joyful

***Scripture:*** Acts 8:26-39

***Time With All God’s Children***

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

***Sermon***: God on the Margins

***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*** *(Lord’s Prayer: VU #365 Jesus Loves Me)*

God our Parent, the heavens abide,

Holy is your name we cry,

May your kingdom be on earth,

May your will be brought to birth.

**Yours is the kingdom, (clap, clap!)**

**Yours is the power, (clap, clap!)**

**Yours is the glory,**

**For now and more forev’r!**

Give to each our daily food,

And forgive the wrong we do.

Teach us to forgive as well,

From all evil far to dwell. **Refrain**

With our hearts we sing your praise,

in your kingdom, live our days.

Yours be love and majesty

this we pray, oh let it be! **Refrain**

\****Hymn:*** MV #8 And On This Path

***Commissioning and Benediction***

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