



# Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 112<sup>th</sup> Year—1912-2024

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Our Mission: With respect, cooperation, and joy, through acts of love that build each other up, we seek to share the light of Christ as a Beacon from our corner in East Hamilton

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Laidlaw Memorial United Church

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

**...look up, and live...**



**Worship with us In Person, or by Livestream on YouTube, search "Laidlaw Live"**

**Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**

**Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.**

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/Ab1-RQy5xoE?feature=share>

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**Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!**

**Please Log in to Chat; or send a text to 905-547-2021**

**Request a prayer, send your greetings, light a candle!**

(Rev. Doug will try to keep up with the messages!)

**Don't Forget to 'Like Us' on YouTube!**

**'Subscribe' and get notified of upcoming livestreams!**

Ministers: *All who follow Jesus Christ!*

On Tech: *Ben Moore*

With the Children: *Drew Walker*

Acolytes: *Children, Youth, and James Hawkes*

Offering: *Keith Greeniaus*

Guest Musician: *Charlie Henderson, B. Mus., B.Ed., OCT*

Musician: *Steve McRae, B. Mus, A.R.C.T., Dipl. A.A.*

Minister: *Rev. Douglas C. Moore, B.Th., B.A. (Phil), M.Div.*

**Back to normal...we'll pass the offering plates during service...**

**If you are online, please consider making an offering in one of two ways:**

**send an Interac e-transfer to 'laidlawuc@bellnet.ca'**

**or press the 'On-Line Donation' button at [www.laidlawchurch.ca](http://www.laidlawchurch.ca)**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Welcome and Announcements

### God Gathers Us Together

#### Chimes and Candles Call

#### Call to Worship

Numbers 21, John 3

*The Lord be with you! And also with you!*

*God has promised: those who look up will be healed! Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so is Jesus lifted up!*

*Those who believe Jesus will live, and not perish! Let us give thanks, telling God's wonders with joy!*

#### Hymn of Praise

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*O God, How We Have Wandered*

1. O God, how we have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But how, in exile dwelling, we turn with fear and shame, as distant but compelling, you call us each by name.
2. And now at length discerning the evil that we do, by faith we are returning with hope and trust in you. In haste you come to meet us, and home rejoicing bring, in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
3. God of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving, our peace and hope assured. Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

#### Prayer of Approach and Confession (Unison)

God, you lift our lives, saving us! You show steadfast love and compassion that redeems our lives!

We confess: We become impatient and speak against one another. The snakes bite, and we do not look up and live.

We condemn when you call us to redeem and be redeemed.

Forgive us, God! By your Spirit lift our hearts. Show us steadfast, redeeming love. Help us believe Jesus, whom you have sent to save us all, Amen!

#### Assurance of God's Grace

John 3:16-17

*For God so loved the world that God gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him may have eternal life!*

*God didn't send Christ to condemn the world; but in order that the world might be saved!*

#### Anthem

The Laidlaw Music Project

*Why Does My Saviour Weep?*

Words and Music: Patrick M. Liebergen

#### We Hear God's Word

Children and Youth may gather at the front, or by your screen!

#### Youth and Scripture

Numbers 21:9, John 3:14

#### Snakes on a Cross

#### Young People Praying

#### Young People Singing

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Words and Music: African American Spiritual

Chorus: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, and say He loves us all!

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#### The Lord's Prayer

There are colouring pages and puzzles at the back, and in the Bulletin, there is Sunday School Class with Drew too!

#### Lesson from the Hebrew Scripture

Numbers 21:4-9 (Hebrew Testament, page 139)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm Response

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7676D.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22


1. Give thanks to God, who is good! Whose steadfast love endures! Let those God saved from trouble, say so, and praise the LORD! The LORD gathers us from the lands, from east, north, west and south, too! From wand'ring in the desert, from hunger, thirst and shame!



2. When we were sick from sinning, and pained by sinful ways,  
We could not enjoy eating; we drew near death's dark gate.  
But then we cried to God, the LORD, then God saved us from distress;  
By God's own Word we were healed, and we were not destroyed.
3. Now let us thank our LORD God; whose steadfast love endures!  
Thank God for wondrous workings that God does for us all!  
Give thanks and offer sacrifice, tell all God's deeds with gladness!  
Let those God saved from trouble, say so, and praise the LORD!


*Adapted from the Scripture and set in metre by Rev. Doug Moore*

## Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Ephesians 2:1-10 (New Testament, page 192)*

*This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!*

## Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 3:14-21 (New Testament, page 94)*

*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Sermon

Look Up, And Live!

## Gospel Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## We Respond to God's Word

## The Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

## Offertory

*All You Need Is Love*

Words and Music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney

*The Laidlaw Music Project*

## Doxology

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

## Prayer of Dedication

## In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

## Closing Hymn

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey, I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
for our life and our peace and our love is yourself. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears,  
for you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey, but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side;  
and with all of my brothers you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

## Benediction and Commissioning

## Choral Response

God is the One whom we seek together, God is the Life which is part of us all.  
God is the Truth and the mark of mystery; God is the Love and the Joy that makes us whole.

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

*The Peace of Christ be with you! And also, with you!*

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*There will not be a coffee hour after service Easter Sunday!*

**Laidlaw Church Council Meets:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 7:00 till 8:30 p.m. in the Lounge. All council members should attend, this will be the first meeting of the 2024 newly elected council!

**MOVIE NIGHT, Disney's WISH!** Friday, March 22, 2024, doors open at 6 p.m. Wii, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Nachos and Cheese, drinks for sale—and POPCORN! —movie starts at 7 p.m. Fun for all!

**EASTER EGG HUNT at LAIDLAW CHURCH** Saturday, March 23, 2024, 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. An egg hunt for the children, games, and snacks, sponsored by Cecilia Ingram! Everyone welcome, bring the children!

**Ukrainian Easter Egg Craft Night** Sunday, March 24, 2024, 4:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. at Laidlaw Church. Registration is \$5-\$15, the event is BYO Egg! Register in advance at [lara.debeyer@gmail.com](mailto:lara.debeyer@gmail.com) Space is limited!

**GREEN VENTURE LAIDLAW GARDEN PRESENTATION** Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Laidlaw. Refreshments will be served! Come and learn about the plans for new Gardens around Laidlaw Church, and what you can do to help make it all happen! We will need help to serve refreshments, and donations of baked goods for the evening would be amazing and much appreciated!

**BINGO!** Saturday, April 13, 2024, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! There has been an adjustment to Bingo pricing, \$7 for 10 regular games (three cards per sheet) for a \$10 prize, and two 50/50 games, the first for \$1, the second for \$2.

**SEW Hungry Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale**—Saturday May 11, 2023, Rent a table for \$35.00, bring and sell your stuff, buy other people's stuff, keep the money! If you would like a table, go to the 'Community' tab on the church website—***book your table soon!***

**Penny Sale**—Saturday May 25, 2024—please keep an eye out for prizes for the penny and raffle tables, and the kid's table—your donations make the difference! We need 75 Penny Prizes valued between \$15 and \$20, and 25 raffle prizes valued at \$25 and up! Gift Cards are always a hit—please give donations of gift cards to Kathy Rodrigue! New items only (that's a rule under our License from the City of Hamilton)! We will need lots of baking for the bake table, your donations are appreciated! Thanks!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**A New Venture with Green Venture!** We are happy to announce that Laidlaw Church has been chosen as a site for a community garden, in cooperation with Green Venture! It began with the garden along the back fence, and plans are now being drawn up to make permanent improvements to facilitate a community garden at Laidlaw, with the cost being granted through Green Venture. We will need volunteers to help build and then help tend the new gardens. The plan calls for the gardens to be installed by June of this year! If you are interested to know more or help out, speak to Rev. Doug!

**Offerings and Donations to Laidlaw Memorial United Church**, 155 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Z2 can be made by mail, Electronic donations can be made through Canada Helps, go to [laidlawchurch.ca](http://laidlawchurch.ca) and click the "Donation" button (*a form will pop up on our website, and allow you to make the donation without leaving the Laidlaw Website!*); or by Interac E-transfer, use the church email address, [laidlawuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:laidlawuc@bellnet.ca) (we have set this up for automatic deposit—no password needed)! This is a great time to go on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)! Call Keith Greeniaus at 289 941 3654 if you would like to go on PAR, or have a set of offering envelopes. *Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted separately by Canada Helps.*

**We appreciate help!** help with supplies... thanks for all your donations! The coffee, tea and cookies are low again! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to provide something baked for coffee hour—celebratory cakes are welcomed!

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS?** We have Tablet Computers, for those who need large print!

**Donation Box for Wesley Centre!** Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc, needed!

**Book Corner**—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books—new additions regularly!

**Change for Lent Coin Boxes** Coin boxes are at the back today!

**WEBSITE:** [www.laidlawchurch.ca](http://www.laidlawchurch.ca) works on computer, phone, tablet—The Sunday Bulletin is there!

**BUDGET NEWS!** The goal in 2024 is balance our budget for 2024, and 'catch up' the unfunded deficit of \$6,588.25 from 2023. The Wheelchair Lifts are now paid for in full. We continue to live 'hand to mouth'. Regular giving is critical to ensuring cash flow to meet expenses! The Penny Sale proceeds will be needed to meet annual insurance costs that come due June 1. We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help us meet the challenge of the new year! **You can help us in several ways. Participate and promote fundraising events at Laidlaw. Helping with donations for events is a great help. Encourage people to come with you to Bingo, Penny Sales, Movie Nights, Concerts, and Sunday Worship. Consider increasing or starting a regular monthly gift for the General Fund at Laidlaw by PAR (speak to Keith Greeniaus). Inflation has affected us all, and our church too. Please consider an increase in your offerings to Laidlaw. Sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity!**

**Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available!** If you would like Envelopes and don't have a set, Contact Keith Greeniaus at 905 312 4945. Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted immediately, by Canada Helps.

**Accessible Entrance:** The lifts have been TSSA inspected and passed. Laidlaw is now, officially, accessible, the lifts are available to the general public! Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes. Rev. Doug would love to do some training with people needing to use the lifts!



**Friday, March 22, 2024**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS AT 7P.M.  
JOIN US AT 6 P.M. FOR FUN WITH THE Wii

**Free Admission**

POPCORN, HOTDOGS, CHILI, NACHOS, PIZZA AND DRINKS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE!

AN ALL AGES EVENING OF FUN (RATED PG)  
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw  
Shown under Church Video License—its all legal!

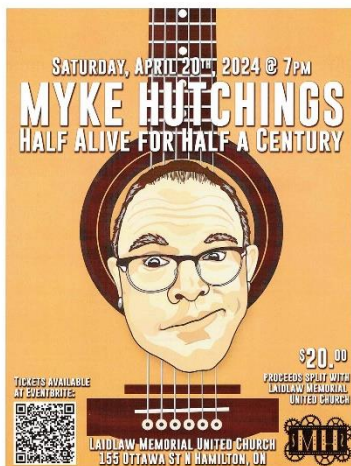


Learn to write a Ukrainian Easter egg

Date: Sunday, March 24  
Time: 4:30-9:30pm  
Location: Laidlaw United Church  
Registration: \$5-15

Space is Limited!  
Register in advance:  
lara.debeyer@gmail.com

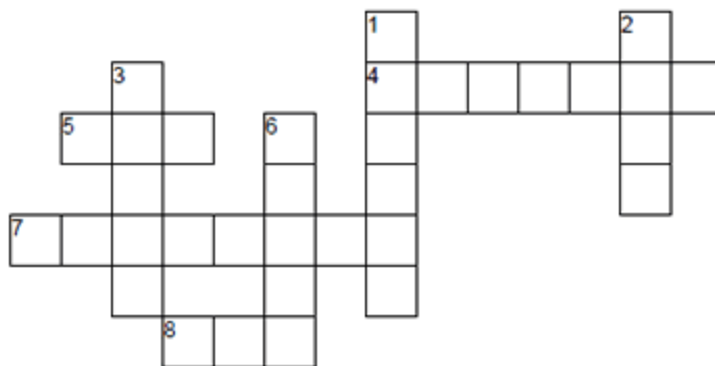
This event is BYO Egg!  
All other materials provided.



# God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



## ACROSS

4. Lasting forever; without end
5. Male offspring
7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
8. The creator of heaven and earth

## DOWN

1. To die or be destroyed
2. To rescue from danger or harm
3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
6. Cared very deeply for someone

ETERNAL	WORLD	PERISH	SAVE
LOVED	GOD	BELIEVES	SON

# Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)



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