



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 112th 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

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

...life is lent to us...



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

Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/1Ko16lqjUR0?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*

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

Thank you for your support!

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call Call to Worship

📖 Jeremiah 31:33, Psalm 51, John 12

The Lord be with you! And also with you!
The broken covenant is renewed; hearts will be restored!
By clean hearts and fresh spirits, God restores our lives!
God forgives our sins; and raises us to a new life!
In worship, let us meet God, who redeems our lives!

Hymn of Praise

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Walk With Me

*Chorus: Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land
that God has planned where love shines through!*

1. **When Moses heard the call of God he said, "Lord don't send me!"
But God told Moses, "You're the one to set my people free!"**
2. **Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the rock!**
3. **Young Mary Magdelene was sure her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door!**
4. **And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you!**

Prayer of Approach and Confession *(Unison)*

God, your love is steadfast. You renew what is broken. You write love and wisdom on our hearts.

We confess: We want to be saved from the very thing that will renew our life. You speak to us, but all we hear is thunder. We set aside the joy you would give us.

Forgive us, God! By your Holy Spirit, put a right spirit in us. In following Jesus, raise us to life, and help us bear much fruit. Amen!

Assurance of God's Grace

📖 Hebrews 5, Jeremiah 31

God says, "I will make a new covenant, not like the old!"
God says, "I will forgive, remembering sins no more!"
Jesus is our Priest, who shows us obedience that saves.
Jesus, the Christ, is able to save all who follow his way!

Anthem

The Laidlaw Music Project

Just As I Am, Lord

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig Music: Don Besig

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 John 12:24

Dead or Alive?

Young People Praying Young People Singing

no. 42 in *Joyful Noise*

When the Saints

Words and Music: Anonymous

1. **Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in!**
2. **Oh, when the band begins to play, oh, when the band begins to play,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the band begins to play!**
3. **Oh, when the sun begins to shine, oh, when the sun begins to shine,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the sun begins to shine!**

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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 Scriptures

📖 Jeremiah 31:31-34 *(Hebrew Testament, page 735)*


The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

 Psalm 51:1-12

1. Have mercy on me, O my God, according to your grace! According to your steadfast love, in mercy blot out all my sins; wash me and make me clean!
2. For I know my transgressions, God, I cannot hide my sin. Against you, only, I have sinned; your sentence is now justified; your blameless judgement stands!
3. Indeed a sinner I was born, a sinner when conceived, but you desire the deepest truth; please teach me wisdom that runs deep within my secret heart.
4. Purge me with hyssop, make me clean, wash me as white as snow! Let joy and gladness fill my ears! Let bones once crushed rejoice again! Don't look upon my sins!
5. God, now create in me a heart that's clean, a spirit true; don't cast me from your presence, God, nor take your spirit from me LORD. Restore the joy that saves!


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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 Hebrews 5:5-10 (New Testament, page 220)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 John 12:20-33 (New Testament, page 106)

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

Sermon

Life Is Lent to Us

Gospel Hymn

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

The Laidlaw Music Project

Man of Constant Sorrow

Words and Music: Peter Stanley

Doxology

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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

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

**Benediction and Commissioning
Choral Response**

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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!

In Loving Memory

A Memorial Donation has been made remembering

Charlene Lynor Conkey

Born December 27, 1978, in London, Ontario

Died March 18, 2020, in Hamilton, Ontario

Remembered by Kathi Austin and her family



**Today: 80th Birthday Party for Merily Ferguson
Join us for Coffee Hour!**

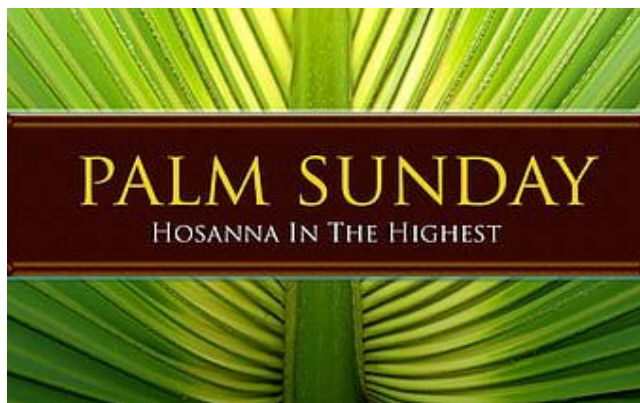
At 10 a.m. before worship And Also: After Worship!

Join us for Wii and Games in the gym and conversations!

Everyone is Welcome!

Celebratory Cakes are always welcomed at Coffee Hour!

If someone you know or love deserves a cake, bring it and we'll celebrate!



Join us Next Sunday!

Worship IN PERSON, or by Livestream, with Chat
There are Activities for the Children!

Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The Order of Service is available at www.laidlawchurch.ca on the home page.

Palm/Passion Sunday

...watch with me this hour...

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/AhDfq18qhtk?feature=share>

Chat with us online, or text to 905 547 2021!

Worship and Sunday School are available every week—join us!

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This Week and Beyond at Laidlaw...

Remember a Loved One with a Lily at Easter: Cost is \$10.00. Please write the person to be remembered along with your name and envelope number and place it in the offering plate **TODAY!**

Office Hours: Rev. Doug will hold office hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week, 9 a.m. till noon. For pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! The coffee is on, and you are welcome to stop by, or stay awhile! *L'Arche is at Laidlaw Tuesday Morning, the Rising Phoenix AA Group meets Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Al-Anon meets Thursday Mornings. Narcotics Anonymous groups will meet Thursdays at noon, and Saturdays at 7 p.m.*

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 9 a.m. till noon! Also, L'Arche Day!

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!

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 9:30 a.m. till noon! Join in crafts, conversation, coffee, and any project you can think up!

The Funeral for Jean-Guy Thivierge Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Laidlaw. Everyone is welcome.

Work Day at the Church—Thursday, March 21, 2024, 9-11 noon!—coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! AlAnon and Narc Anon groups meet!

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

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 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 (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.*

WEBSITE: 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.

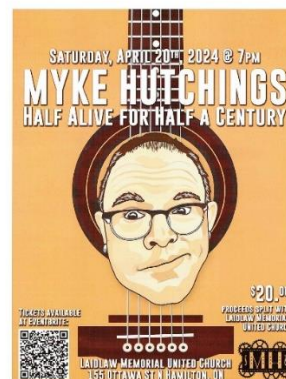
Accessible Entrance: The lifts have been TSSA inspected and passed. Laidlaw is now, officially, accessible, the lifts are available to the general public! Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes. Rev. Doug would love to do some training with people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



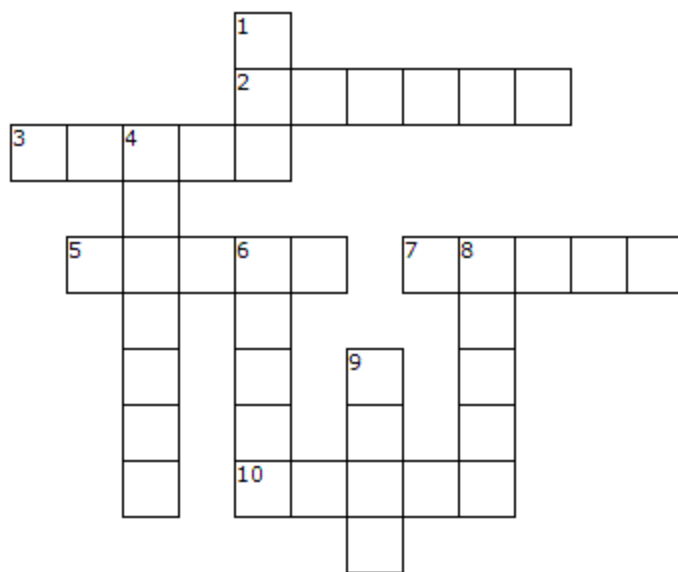
Learn to write a Ukrainian Easter egg
Date: Sunday, March 24
Time: 4:30-9:30pm
Location: Laidlaw United Church
Registration: \$5-15
Space is Limited!
Register in advance:
lara.debey@gmail.com
This event is BYO Egg!
All other materials provided.



The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To be raised up
3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
5. What we humans use to speak or sing
7. The Son of God
10. The end of life

DOWN

1. Everyone and everything
4. To bring praise and honor to God
6. A large group of people
8. The land surface of the world
9. To attract someone or something

DEATH
ALL

ANGEL
DRAW

VOICE
GLORIFY

EARTH
LIFTED

JESUS
CROWD

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