

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114th Year—1912-2026

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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

Sunday Worship at Laidlaw

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

“From Beyond Hope”

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

Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/EiEZWIYBENE>

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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!



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If you are online or in Person, 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!

Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!

Guest Musician: Olivia Brown

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

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

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call Call to Worship

📖 *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

In a valley of dry bones, God asks, "Can these bones live?" Let us answer our God: "Only you, LORD God, know!"

We seek the breath of God that renews flesh and spirit! Watch! Pray! Our God will bring us back to life!

Hymn of Praise

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
3. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones, your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!
5. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of your name.

Prayer of Approach and Confession *(Unison)*

Living God, where there is no life, you give life! When we are scattered like dry bones, you gather us; your Spirit is the breath that gives us life!

We confess: We imagine we are not vulnerable. We think we can save ourselves. We look back when you call us to move forward. We believe there is no hope for the future. We forget we are both flesh and spirit.

Forgive us, God, and save us! Let Jesus show us how exceedingly dry our bones are; so that we may rejoice when, by your Spirit, we are healed and set free; Amen!

Assurance of God's Grace

📖 *Psalm 130*

*If God will not forgive us, we cannot stand! With God, there is forgiveness, healing and freedom!
Wait for God; wait with heart and mind and soul! For with God there is steadfast love and forgiveness!*

Anthem

Is This the King?

Words and Music: Joseph M. Martin

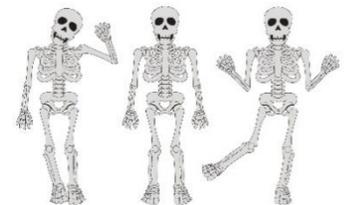
We Hear God's Word

Young People! Gather at the front, or near your screens!

Youth and Scripture

📖 *Ezekiel 37*

Can These Bones Live?



Young People Praying Young People Singing

Dry Bones

Ezekiel cried, 'dem dry bones!' Ezekiel cried, 'dem dry bones!'
Ezekiel cried, 'dem dry bones!' Oh hear the word of the Lord!

The foot bone connected to the leg bone, The leg bone connected to the knee bone,
The knee bone connected to the thigh bone, The thigh bone connected to the backbone,
The back bone connected to the neck bone, The neck bone connected to the head bone,
O hear the word of the Lord!

Dem bones, dem bones gonna walk around, Dem bones, dem bones gonna walk around
Dem bones, dem bones gonnal walk around, O hear the word of the Lord!

The head bone connected to the neck bone, The neck bone connected to the back bone,
The back bone connected to the thigh bone, The thigh bone connected to the knee bone,
The knee bone connected to the let bone, The leg bone connected to the foot bone,
O, Hear the word of the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday Bible Lessons, there are colouring pages and puzzles in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 *Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Old Testament, page 806)*

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

 Psalm 130

1. Out of the depths, I cry to you, O LORD, please hear my voice!
Let your ears tend now to my prayer, and hear my heart felt plea!
 2. If you, O LORD, keep track of sins then who of us could stand?
But with you, there's forgiveness, LORD, so you may be revered.
 3. I wait for God, within my soul, and in God's word I hope;
I wait for God like those who watch for morning's dawn to break!
 4. O Israel put your hope in God, for God's love never fails!
- With God there is great power to save; God brings us back from sins!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 Romans 8:6-11 (New Testament, page 157)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 John 11:1-45 (New Testament, page 104)

This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

From Beyond Hope?

Gospel Hymn

This Is the Day

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1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day; this is the day that our God has made.
2. Open to us, open to us your gates, O God, your gates, O God; we will go in, we will go in, to your holy place, to your holy place. Open to us your gates, O God, we will go in, to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.
3. You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name, we will praise your name; we will give thanks, we will give thanks, for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness. You are our God, we will praise your name; we will give thanks for your faithfulness. You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.
4. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day; this is the day that our God has made.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Here Comes the Sun

Words Music: George Harrison

Offertory and Doxology

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

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Prayer of Dedication

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

Walk With Me

Words: John R. Rice 1988 Music: John R. Rice, arr. John Fluker

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- 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!

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

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¹Go now in peace, go now in peace. ²May the love of God surround you ³everywhere, everywhere, ⁴you may go.
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



Join us for Coffee Hour!

At 10 a.m. before Worship and after Worship
There is Coffee, Tea, cookies, conversation and games in the gym!

Everyone is Welcome!

*Celebratory Cakes are always welcomed at Coffee Hour!
If someone you love or admire needs a celebration, bring a cake!*



Announcements

OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Doug is ‘officially’ working ‘half time’ now! Regular Office Hours for Rev. Doug will continue Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9 a.m. till noon! Rev. Doug continues to be ‘on call’, so, if there is a need for pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! Coffee is on during office hours; you are always welcome to come by! We appreciate lots of help! Rev. Doug will now consider Mondays and Fridays a ‘day off’. You may always call if there is an urgent need!

Remember a Loved One with a Lily at Easter: Please use the Envelope at the back, write the person to be remembered, your name and envelope number and place it in the offering plate, with an offering of at least \$10 by **TODAY!**

Meeting at Laidlaw: Phoenix AA (Wed 7 p.m.), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)

This Week at Laidlaw

The ‘The Women of Laidlaw’ will gather! Monday, March 23, 2026, at noon! All women of the church are welcome to join us! Bring your knitting if you like, conversations, working on helping with events at Laidlaw, and Rev. Doug will make us manicotti and garlic bread for lunch!

Office Hours! Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, March 26, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will do some cleaning and get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt and Visit from Phineus the Easter Bunny Saturday, March 28, 2026, 10 a.m. Join us for an indoor egg hunt, and pictures with Phineus the Easter Bunny, sponsored by Cecelia Ingram, a member of Laidlaw, and realtor with Remax in Hamilton, all are welcome!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—PALM SUNDAY, March 29, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Darkness Seeking Light!” *Olivia Brown is at the keyboards.* Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday, and Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. and after Worship with games in the gym! Livestream at <https://youtube.com/live/xvkICW135gk>

Easter Services

Sunday, March 29, 2026: Palm Sunday 11 a.m.

A Crock Pot Lunch, Chili, Chowder, and Soup, will follow the service!

Friday, April 3, 2026: Good Friday Communion 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2026: HOT CROSS BUNS and Coffee at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2026: Easter Communion at 11 a.m.

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

Upcoming Events

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, April 9, 2026, 7-9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Do you write songs, poetry, stories, fiction, pretty much anything? This is your open mic! And if you would like to just listen—it's a great night for that too! Refreshments available at modest prices! For more info, email anyamodel@yahoo.ca

BINGO! Saturday, April 11, 2026, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! **Bigger Prizes!** 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3. Children are welcome to play if they have a parent or guardian with them!

RECITAL with Borys and Olivia's students, Saturday, April 11, 2026 a 6 p.m.

WOW! BERTHA WOOD is turning 90! Sunday, April 12, 2026, 2-4 p.m., a drop in party at Meadowlands Retirement Community, in the main floor Craft Kitchen Room, 1248 Mohawk Road, Ancaster. Best wishes only, please! If you would like to join a group of us from Laidlaw, let Rev. Doug know, and we will RSVP, as requested. If you can't come, a greeting sent to berthamwood36@gmail.com would be a welcome substitute!

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting, Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stew Hamilton Room. Welcome to the new members of Council!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Movie TBA! Friday, April 17, 2026, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts 6:30 p.m. Wii, food and drink for sale—and POPCORN! —Fun for all—bring your family!

THE ACOUSTICS in Concert Friday, May 1, 2026, 7 till 9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Tickets are \$10 in advance by calling 519 732-2542, or \$15 at the door! See the details at www.theacoustics.ca

SEW Hungry Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale—Saturday May 9, 2026, Rent a table for \$50.00, 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!** *The Ladies of Laidlaw will be serving meat pies, and there will be a half and half draw by Laidlaw at the event this year! Come out and enjoy SEW Hungry this year! See Carol if you would like to book a table for the sale!*

PENNY SALE—Thanks for all the help and donations for the February Penny Sale! The Next Penny Sale at Laidlaw will be Saturday May 30, 2026—we will need prizes! *We will also need baking for the sale—your donations are appreciated!* Doors open at noon. Draws will take place at 2 p.m. Winners must be present at the draws! There will be a Penny Table with 75 prizes, a Raffle Table with 25 big prizes, and a Half and Half Draw. A children's table ensures a prize for every child, there will be a Bake Table by the Women of Laidlaw, and our famous Laidlaw Food Table! Join us for lunch, bring a friend! Your donations are needed! Please give gift cards to Kathy Rodrigue! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$15-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2026 are at the back of the church today, please pick yours up! If you would like to have offering Envelopes for 2026, we are happy to provide you with a set—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 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 auto deposit, no password needed)! Call the Church Office at 905 544 6536 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.*

Accessible Entrance: Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes.

We appreciate help! with supplies... We need regular coffee. We have enough flour and Tenderflake Lard for now, thanks! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to help with these fundraising efforts!

Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books, there are DVDs, they are \$1 each!

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

Donation Box for Wesley Centre, etc.! *Rose McGowan is making 'kindness kits' for men and women experiencing housing and health issues. Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc., are needed!*

BUDGET NEWS! We are truly blessed by the generosity of our members and friends, and the good people who attend events and fundraisers at Laidlaw. *Donations to the general fund are a great help,* from those in person, and online! We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help us meet the challenge! **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 (call the Church Office at 905 544 6536). *We deeply appreciate when those who are gathering with us online also make a donation to help keep the Laidlaw Beacon shining!* Sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity! If you would like Envelopes and don't have a set, call the Church Office at 905 544 6536.

GRANT PROGRESS: A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program has been confirmed for this season! We will continue to improve the security at the church, including replacing the rest of the window coverings, as well as a new camera monitor in the church hall for those waiting for a ride! We are grateful for this help from the Ontario Government! **Presbytery Mission Council** is helping to create the *'Artword Studio at Laidlaw'* The studio is ready now—we are looking forward to welcoming events in the space in 2026!

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."
John 11:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV).



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ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP