



# 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

## GOOD FRIDAY

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

**...just warming ourselves by the fire...**

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



**Friday, March 29, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/JIVi4Kpf8xs?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](http://www.laidlawchurch.ca)**

**Thank you for your support!**



# Laidlaw Memorial United Church

*The Easter Lilies in the Church today are placed...*



## In Loving Memory of

*My Loved Ones*  
*by Myrtle DiBartolo*

*Molly McDonald*  
*by Heather Shaw*

*My Beloved Husband, Wayne*  
*My sister, Linda*  
*by Evelyn Folk*

*My Husband Albert Redburn*  
*by Audrey Redburn*

*Doris Oldfield, Shirley Moore,*  
*Larry Padfield, Don Muir, Joan Bond,*  
*Gail Craig, & Gillian Howarth,*  
*Sharon Larocque, Brian Craig*  
*Janice Ellis, Bill McKee, Joan Redburn*  
*Dave Pashko, Nicky Judiciani*  
*Maurice Bond*  
*by Janet Bond*

*Gwen and George Appleyard*  
*Velma and Robert Havens*  
*(Our Parents)*  
*George Appleyard (brother)*  
*by Barb and Ken Havens*

*Alex Jr. Gillis*  
*Jack and Stella Naves*  
*Sandra Naves, Jackie Naves*  
*Roy Saunders*  
*by Estelle Naves*

*Leonard Ferguson, my loving husband*  
*by Merily Ferguson*

*Rhea Usher-Finch, Harris Usher*  
*mother and father*  
*by Carol Courtney and family*

*Patrick Rodrigue (My Brother)*  
*by Kathy Rodrigue*

*My Husband, Wayne*  
*by Colleen McNally*



*Mary, Ray, and Pat*  
*by Donna Hancock*

*Annaleigh*  
*by Sam and family*

*Leanna Valasakos*  
*by Leanne Childs*

*Shirley Marie Moore*  
*Our Parents*  
*by Rev. Doug Moore*

*Ferry and Connie Rowsell*  
*Charlene Conkey*  
*by Kathi Austin*

*Bryan and Edna Blair*  
*by Peter Blair*

*Geoffrey Lawrence, my Husband*  
*Died March 16, 2022*  
*by Dorothy Lawrence*

*The Hon. D. William Dandie*  
*Died February 18, 2024*  
*by Betty Murdoch*

*Bryan and Edna Blair*  
*by Peter Blair*

*Frank Whitehead, my beloved Husband*  
*by Marjorie Whitehead*

*Evelyn & Eileen Burris*  
*Eileen & Jack McLean,*  
*Ian & Evelyn Campbell*

*Julie and Larry Martin, Fred Clarkson*  
*Aunt Kay, Aunt Molly*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Dyna, Violet*

*Pam & Gordy Carey*  
*Wendy and Bob Southall*

*Barb Lawrence, Josie and Tibor Chontos*  
*Kay Southall, Grandma Imrie*  
*Stella Naves, my best friend.*  
*by Elizabeth Chontos and Family*

## Welcome and Announcements

Please, pick up a sealed Communion cup on your way into worship today!

### God Gathers Us Together

## Chimes and Candles Call Call to Worship

*The Lord be with you. And, also, with you.*

*We hear this story, but we find it hard to believe.*

**Such cruelty, such rage, so many lies, such violence.**

*Jesus faced all that rage, cruelty, violence; and gave himself for us all.*

**We are gathered to hear this story, to try to understand.**

**In Jesus, God shows us steadfast love, deeper joy, true purpose.**

## Opening Hymn

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*O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

1. O sacred head, sore wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown: how art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!
2. Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the cruel pain. Lo, here I fall, my Saviour, turn not from me thy face;  
but look on me with favour, and grant to me thy grace.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and, should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
4. Be near when I am dying, O show thy cross to me; and for my succour flying,  
come, Lord, to set me free. These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall not remove,  
for all who die believing, die safely through thy love.

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

God, you give life. Your love is steadfast. You prevent nothing, yet your love and grace prevail over all things.

We confess: With violence we seek to prevent evil, only making things worse. We turn away from the suffering we helped create. We deny the power we possess to relent, and turn, and rely on you.

Forgive us, God! In Jesus, show us the peace that passes understanding. By your Holy Spirit, redeem our lives from violence and sorrow, and set our lives on the path to your true purpose for us all, Amen.

## Assurance of God's Grace

*He was despised and rejected by others—a man of suffering.*


**He was oppressed and afflicted—but did not complain.**

*Out of his anguish the light of God's eternal salvation shines.*

**Who could have imagined his future? In Christ, God's love shines!**

### We Hear God's Word


## Lesson from the Hebrew Bible

 *Isaiah 52:13-53:12* (Hebrew Testament, page 683)

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

## Psalm Response

Tune: HOLLINGSIDE 7777D


 *Psalm 22:1-7, 14-15, 17-19, 23-31* (adapted)

1. God, my God, why have you gone? Why am I forsaken here? Why is your help far away?  
Far from all my tears and pain? O my God, to you I cry; day by day; with no response!  
Night by night I find no rest, yet you are enthroned on praise!
2. To you, God, our families prayed, and you then delivered them! But I am a worm to you;  
I am not a human child; Scorned by others, and despised, all who see me mock at me;  
They make mouths and shake their heads; they refuse to help my cause.
3. I'm poured out like water, LORD, all my bones are out of joint, My heart melts within my breast,  
my mouth dries like broken clay, I can't even speak a word, in the dust of death I lay,  
They cast lots, divide my clothes, be not far away, O LORD!
4. You who fear the LORD give praise! Give God glory, every child! Stand in awe of God, all slaves!  
God does not despise your pain! God did never hide from me, but heard when I cried to Him!  
God gives us a song of praise when the congregation's here!

5. I will pay my vows to God; I will help the poor to eat, Those who seek the LORD, our God,  
may you live forever more! All the earth! Remember God! All the deeds that God has done!  
Turn to God all families! Every nation, worship God!
6. All dominion is our God's! The LORD rules in every state! All who sleep in graves will bow;  
all who live will live for God! Those to come will serve God too, they'll be told of all God's deeds!  
They'll tell those as yet unborn: "God will save, for God has saved!"

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

## Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 18:1-27* (New Testament, page 112)  
*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*


## Gospel Hymn

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*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see;  
watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his grief away: learn from him to watch and pray.
2. See him at the judgement hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned; see him meekly bearing all;  
love to all his soul sustained. Shun not suffering, shame, or loss: learn from Christ to bear the cross.
3. Calvary's mournful mountain view; there the Lord of glory see, made a sacrifice for you,  
dying on the accursed tree. 'It is finished,' hear his cry: trust in Christ and learn to die.

## Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 18:28-19:16a* (New Testament, page 112)  
*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*


## Gospel Hymn

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*There is a Green Hill Far Away*

1. There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear; but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.
3. There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; his death has opened wide the gate of heaven, to let us in.
4. O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

## Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 19:16b-42* (New Testament, page 113)  
*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Meditation

*Just Warming Ourselves By the Fire*



## Gospel Hymn

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*Bitter Was the Night*

1. Bitter was the night, thought the cock would crow for ever. Bitter was the night before the break of day.
2. Saw you passing by, told them all I didn't know you. Bitter was the night before the break of day.
3. Told them all a lie, and I told it three times over. Bitter was the night before the break of day.
4. What did Judas do? Sold him for a bag of silver. Bitter was the night before the break of day.
5. What did Judas do? Hanged himself upon an alder. Bitter was the night before the break of day.
6. Bitter was the night, thought there'd never be a morning. Bitter was the night before the break of day.
7. Bitter was the night, thought the cock would crow for ever. Bitter was the night before the break of day.

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

## Invitation to Communion

## Communion Anthem

*The Laidlaw Music Project*

*And No Bird Sang*  
Words and Music: Douglas E. Wagner

Communion was picked up on the way into worship!

## Greeting

*The Lord be with you! And Also with you!*  
*Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!*  
*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!*  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

## Words of Institution for the Bread and Wine



## Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread and Wine

Almighty God, you do not despise those in pain and anguish. In this Holy Communion, you show us the depths of obedience and love, and their power to save and redeem. In this bread we see the body of Jesus broken. In this wine, we see the blood of Jesus spilled. We cannot imagine the future. We imagine darkness, but you bring light, grace, peace, knowledge, hope, and progress. In Christ, you show us the source of eternal salvation. **הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא** Save us, we pray!

There is, already, enough pain and anguish in this world. Give us grace, that we may break no more bones. Sustain the weary, heal our diseases, give courage to those who grieve, guide us all, by your Holy Spirit among us all, give us strength to fulfill the purpose you have in mind for us. In deep love and in obedience, let us offer ourselves freely and fully to do something good in this world, that we may sympathize, and boldly seek grace, mercy, and healing. **Μαράνα θα!** Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

All glory and honour belong to you! In communion with you and each other, let us begin to see that future we could never have imagined—forgiveness, grace, salvation and peace. Give us a song of praise and joy; let us honour you, now and always, Amen.

We will partake together.

## The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

### We Respond to God's Word

## The Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

## Offertory

*The Laidlaw Music Project*

*You Are My Sunshine*

Words and Music: Jimmie Davis and Charles Mitchell

## 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

## Communion Hymn

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*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand: the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me; and from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess, the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face, content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

## 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!*

## 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!*



**MOVIE NIGHT, THE MARVELS!** Friday, April 26, 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!

**SEW Hungry at Laidlaw: Pulled Pork!** **Saturday, May 11, 2024, 10 a.m. till sellout!** Pulled Pork Sandwich and Coleslaw, drink included, \$10 per person. For Sale from the Church Kitchen downstairs, tables inside and out, check out the Marketplace while you have your lunch at Sew Hungry!

**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!

**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!

**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.**

**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!





# Crown Him King

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

John 18:37 (NIV)

Words are taken from John 18:33-37 (NIV).



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