



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

EASTER CELEBRATION



We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

...seeking Easter...

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

Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/hlceSllbeRk?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!



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,
Tan & 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

📖 Acts 10, First Corinthians 15, Psalm 118

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Understand truly—God shows no partiality—welcoming everyone!

The message God gives to us is: peace through Jesus Christ!

By the grace of God, we are what we are—God's grace is not in vain!

Hallelujah! God has made this day! Rejoice! Be glad in it!

Opening Hymn

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! our triumphant holy day, hallelujah! who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah! unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah! who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, hallelujah! our salvation have procured; hallelujah! now above the sky he's King, hallelujah! where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah! praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah! praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

Hallelujah! God made this day, raised Jesus from the grave, showing us steadfast love that can endure all things! God, give us joy and peace, that we might embrace the path to new life! Teach us your way where everyone is favoured with welcome, forgiveness and grace. Give us the courage to celebrate and share Good News.

Living, God, raise us up and show us true life. Teach us to live in the light of love that raises us all from death. By your Holy Spirit, encourage us to share Good News with all joy, Amen!

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Please take a sealed Communion Cup on your way in! Gather Bread and Wine at home!

Anthem

The Laidlaw Music Project

Ring the Easter Bells

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

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Unison)*

We praise you, God! Your love is steadfast—stronger than death! In raising Jesus from death, you show the way from death to life! You bring us back to life and joy!

We thank you, God! We thank you for Jesus, whom you anointed with your Holy Spirit, and with power to do good, and heal all those oppressed by evil. We thank you for the witnesses, who saw the risen Lord Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for the joy of this Easter, and all those little Easters when we see your love and grace wiping away tears and bringing a joyful day. **אָהוּשִׁיעָה נָא Save us, we pray!**

We share this bread and wine, remembering Jesus' broken body and shed blood. We remember the stone that was rolled away, and the Good News that Jesus Christ is alive. We ask for courage stronger than our fears, so that in loving one another and sharing your gifts, we may find peace with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord!

We wait for the day of your salvation that will make our joy full! We wait for unity and peace in which all can share. We wait for your hand of healing on each one who is ill, your hand of comfort on all those who mourn. **Μαράνα θά! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit! Make this day our Easter that raises us from death to life! Teach us to rejoice! Make our sharing of this bread and wine our Holy Communion that binds us together in your steadfast love that raised Jesus from death to life.

All glory and honour belong to you, God! Renew our faith! Guide our hearts! Give us joy and peace! All glory and honour belong to you, now and forever! Amen!

We will partake together.


The Lord's Prayer

Youth and Scripture

Young People Praying Young People Singing

We Hear God's Word

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

 *First Corinthians 15:3*

Bullies Don't Win!

no. 1 in *All God's Children Sing*

Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord


Words and Music: Traditional

**Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!**

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

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles

 *Acts 10:34-43 (New Testament, page 129)*

This is the witness of the Church. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response


 *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7 6 6 6 D.

1. Give thanks to God who is good; whose steadfast love endures! Let Israel all say now:
"God's steadfast love endures!" The LORD God is our strength and might, our God is our salvation!
These are the days of glad song for those who seek the right!
2. The hand of God is courage; the hand of God exalts! We shall not die! We shall live!
And tell God's deeds to all! The LORD has punished me with pain, but God did not let me die!
Now let the gates be opened, I'll enter and give thanks!
3. This is the gate of our God; the just may enter in! Give thanks that God has answered
and brought salvation's day! The stone the builder's did reject becomes the cornerstone now!
This is God's new way with us, a wonder to our eyes!
4. Give thanks to God, who is good; whose steadfast love endures! Let Israel all say now:
"God's steadfast love endures! The LORD God is our strength and might, our God is our salvation!
This is the day that God made! Rejoice! Be glad in it!


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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Corinthians 15:1-11 (New Testament, page 176)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 20:1-18 (New Testament, page 54)*

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

Sermon

Seeking Easter

Gospel Hymn

I Danced in the Morning

Words: Sydney Carter 1963, Music: Shaker Melody, adapted and harmonized

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars
and the sun, and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.
*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on. *refrain*
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. *refrain*
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. *refrain*
5. They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the dance, said he. *refrain*



We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People
Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity
Offertory

The Laidlaw Music Project

Easter Song

Words and Music: Anne Herring

Doxology

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1. Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
2. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Prayer of Dedication

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Words and Music: Donald Fishel, 1971

Refrain: **Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ; hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.**

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, firstborn of all creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ, now we shall live for ever.
4. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Benediction and Commissioning

Choral Response

88 (More Voices)

Over My Head

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual Arranger: Stephen Lee, 2006

Refrain: **Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3x) There must be a God somewhere!**

Let the peace of God go with us... I hear music in the air...

Let the love of Christ now lead us... I hear music in the air...

Let God's Spirit lift our spirits... I hear music in the air...

There must be a God somewhere! Refrain

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY!

(We had breakfast together today!)

Join us for Coffee Hour next week!

At 10 a.m. before worship And Also:

After Worship Coffee and Games in the Gym!

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 love or admire needs a celebration, bring a cake!



Worship with Us next Sunday!

Worship **IN PERSON**, or by **Livestream**, with **Chat**

There are **Activities for the Children!**

Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Second Sunday of Easter

...let's do the twist...

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/9YG95kh8j4c?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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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!

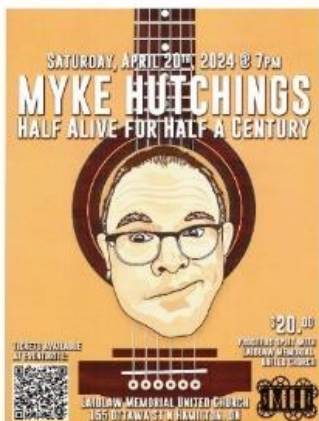


Laidlaw Memorial United Church
At the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

BINGO

Saturday, January 13, 2024
Saturday, February 10, 2024
Saturday, March 9, 2024
Saturday, April 13, 2024
Saturday, May 4, 2024
Saturday, June 15, 2024

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m.
Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.
Lunch and Refreshments Available
Cash Prizes, Two 50/50 Games
Family Friendly Area and Adult Friendly Area
Children must be accompanied by a guardian at least 18 years old
Held under Ontario Lottery License



SATURDAY, APRIL 20th 2024 @ 7PM

MYKE HUTCHINGS

HALF ALIVE FOR HALF A CENTURY

Ukulele

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT www.laidlawchurch.ca

ADULTS \$20.00
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$10.00

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At the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

Movie Night at Laidlaw Church



Friday, April 26, 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS AT 7 P.M.
JOIN US AT 6 P.M. FOR FUN WITH THE WE

Free Admission
POPCORN, HOTDOGS, GELI, NACHOS, PIZZAS AND DRINKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE!
AN ALL AGES EVENING OF FUN (RATED PG)
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw



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Sew HUNGRY

AT LAIDLAW CHURCH

Saturday, May 11, 2024
Inside or Outside, depends on the weather!
10:00 a.m. TILL SELL OUT!
PULLED PORK AND COLE SLAW,
WATER, POP, TEA OR COFFEE
\$10.00 PER PERSON
TABLES & CHAIRS INSIDE AND OUT!
JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE!
BROUGHT TO YOU BY LAIDLAW UNITED CHURCH WOMEN
PROCEEDS TO LAIDLAW CHURCH ACTIVITIES!



community marketplace

At Laidlaw Church
At the corner of Ottawa and Cannon Streets
In the Ottawa Street Shopping District
www.laidlawchurch.ca

SEW Hungry on Ottawa Street Sale
Saturday, May 11, 2024

Welcome to Fall Sale
Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION—Free Parking!

Refreshments and Lunch Available
Local Arts, Crafts, Makers and Vendors
Gathered at Laidlaw for your Shopping Convenience
Support your Local Artisans!

To Rent a Table, or for more information
go to www.laidlawchurch.ca—there’s a fillable form
or Contact the church office, 905 544 6536



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Penny Sale Prize Raffle, Half & Half Raffle Bake Sale

Saturday,
May 25, 2024
at 12 noon
Draws begin at 2 p.m.

There is something for everyone!
Great Penny Sale and Raffle Items
Scrumptious Home Baking!

Come in Time for LUNCH!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
(with the children's table—a prize for every child!)

The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



G A R D B B B E L I E V E D X
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CRYING	STRIPS	HEAD	DEAD	STONE
WEEK	ANGELS	FIRST	BURIAL	LORD
RISE	REMOVED	TOMB	FOLDED	MARY
BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH