



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 Second Sunday of Easter



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

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

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

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

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

📖 *First John 1, John 20*

The Lord be with you! And also with you!
The life of Christ has been revealed! We have seen it!
Hallelujah! Christ is raised! Believing begins in doubt!
Let the light of Christ shine! Let us walk in Christ's light!
All who come to believe find grace and peace!

Hymn of Praise

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Give to Us Laughter

1. Give to us laughter, O Source of our life. Laughter can banish so much of our strife. Laughter and love give us wholeness and health. Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.
2. Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy; let us in laughing find Christian employ, joining with stars and with bright northern lights, laughing and praising and sharing delights.
3. Why do we worry that we will lose face? Why act like king for the whole human race? Often in family, and often with friend, laughing at pride causes anguish to end.
4. Even in sorrow and hours of grief, laughter with tears brings most healing relief. God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace, joys of your presence among us increase.

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

Hallelujah! Gracious God, you give us life and light! In raising Jesus, you make our joy complete!
You give us a new way to see the world. You give us a new way to see each other. You give us light; and show us how we may turn and be of help to others.
God, in your welcome we find hope. By the light of Christ, call us to walk in the light of everything that is true. By your Holy Spirit, give us courage to seek complete joy, Amen!

Anthem

The Laidlaw Music Project

The Greatest Joy

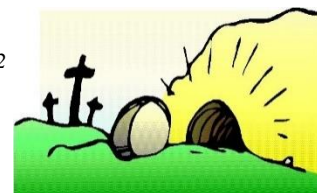
Words: Philip P. Bliss, James T. Owens
Music: William B. Bradbury, Philip P. Bliss, James T. Owens

We Hear God's Word

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

📖 *Acts 42:32*

There's More than One Easter!



Youth and Scripture

Young People Praying Young People Singing

The Living Church

Words: Art Allen, Music: traditional

1. The living church has many parts; many parts make up Christ's body; and I am one of them, and so are you—so let's all do our part... right arm...
2. ...left arm...
3. ...right foot...
4. ...left foot...
5. ...and the hips...
6. ...and the head...
7. ...turn around, sit down...

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 Acts of the Apostles

📖 *Acts 4:32-35 (New Testament, page 122)*

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

Psalm Response


Tune: STUTTGART 8787

📖 *Psalm 133*


1. It is very good and pleasant, when kin live in unity!
It's like precious oil that's running on the head and down the beard;
2. Running down the beard of Aaron, down the collar of his robes;
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on all Zion's hills.
3. When we all can live together and all dwell in unity,
There our LORD's ordained a blessing, life, and life forevermore!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First John 1:1-2:2* (New Testament, page 238)
This is the witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 20:19-31* (New Testament, page 115)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Let's Do the Twist!

Gospel Hymn

715

Come We that Love the Lord (St. Thomas)

Words: Isaac Watts 1707, Music: Aaron Williams 1770

1. **Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne.**
2. **The sorrows of the mind Be banished from the place;
Religion never was designed To make our pleasures less.**
3. **Let those refuse to sing, Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, May speak their joys abroad.**
4. **All those in grace have found, Glory begun below.
Celestial fruits on earthly ground, From faith and hope may grow.**
5. **The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Or walk the golden streets.**
6. **Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high.**

Reproduced from the public domain—words from the Congregational Church Hymnal of 1890.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

The Laidlaw Music Project

Changes/What a Friend

Words: Hugh Laurie, Alan Price Music: Charles Crozat Converse 1868

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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We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

1. **We shall go out with hope of resurrection we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life in Christ.**
2. **We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including all in circles of our love.**

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!

Join us for Coffee Hour!

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 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

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

The Third Sunday of Easter

...Jesus and the Holy Ghost...

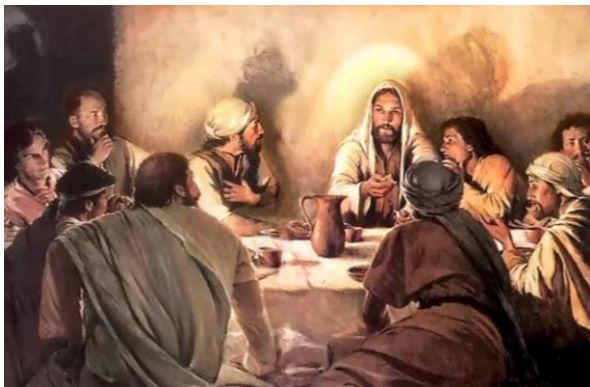
Guest at the Keyboards: **Olivia Brown**

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/zxOVgXB42lg?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 at Laidlaw

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.*



United Church Women Lunch! Monday, April 8, 2024—**IS CANCELLED! DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED CHAOS OF THE SOLAR ECLIPSE**—Join us next month, May 6, 2024, at noon!

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

Funeral for Toni Scacchi Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 11 a.m. at L.G. Wallace Funeral Home

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 9:30 a.m. till noon! Join in crafts, conversation, coffee, and any project you can think up! *Ahmed Family EID Celebration downstairs from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Electric Panel work begins!*

Work Day at the Church—Thursday, April 11, 2024, 9-11 noon!—*coffee, labours, conversation, Join us!* AlAnon and Narc Anon groups meet! We will set up for Bingo!

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.

THE LAIDLAW MUSIC PROJECT—Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 9:45 a.m. The Music Project has evolved! We are rehearsing Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. We hope this will allow more people to join us both regularly, and occasionally. *Everyone is welcome, young, and not as young people are welcome—bring your instrument!*

Worship at Laidlaw—*The Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday, April 14, 2024, 11 a.m. ...Jesus and the Holy Ghost...* Join us every Sunday in person, or catch the service by Livestream, **Bring the children to Church!**—**there is a class for the children every Sunday, and Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. and after Worship with games in the gym!** Invite a friend! *Olivia Brown will be our guest at the keyboards!*



Upcoming Events

Laidlaw Church Council Meets: Tuesday, April 16, 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!

Concert: Myke Hutchings—Half Alive for Half a Century Saturday, April 20, 2024, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each, see the poster online!

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!

United Church Women Lunch! Monday, May 6, 2024, at noon! All women are welcome to come to lunch and see what our United Church Women are all about! Lunch will be served at noon!

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 Marketplace 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!**

GREEN VENTURE at SEW HUNGRY at Laidlaw! Saturday May 11, 2023 Green Venture will have a table at Sew Hungry, showing plans for the gardens at Laidlaw, as well as planting pollinators and herbs at the back of the church—help is welcomed to come and help plant the garden! Bring a trowel and help us dig in the dirt and plant some plants!

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 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!

Seeing Is Believing

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 20:19-31



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