



# 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

## Third Sunday of Easter

...Jesus and the Holy Ghost...

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



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

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

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

Guest Musician: *Olivia Brown on the Keyboards*

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!**

## Welcome and Announcements

### God Gathers Us Together

#### Chimes and Candles Call

#### Call to Worship

📖 First John 3, Luke 24, Psalm 4

*The Lord be with you! And, also, with you!*  
*God loves us—we are called children of God!*  
**Jesus walks among us, so that we might understand.**  
*God calls us to embrace prayer, praise, and hope!*  
**God's light will shine—there will be joy and peace!**

#### 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 *(Unison)*

Loving God, our Creator! Call us your children! Ask us to live with grace, in hope and peace.

When we imagine we have nothing to give, show us that we have much to offer. By trusting in your love, make us pure and fill us with joy!

Make us witnesses of your wonders. In Jesus, lead us to the new life you are giving us. Let your Holy Ghost be the joy and peace deep within us, Amen!

#### Anthem

*The Laidlaw Music Project*

*Jesus Will Make Us His Own*

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig Music: Don Besig, Traditional

#### **We Hear God's Word**

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

📖 First John 3:1

God Made Us!

#### Youth and Scripture

#### Young People Praying

#### Young People Singing

*Jesus Came, A Child Like Me*

Words: Walter Farquharson Music: Richard D. Hall

1. Jesus came, a child like me, so the face of God I'd see,  
God is not left far away, God is with us ev'ry day.

*Refrain:* Live, Jesus, near us, Live Jesus with us, Live, Jesus, in us, come, Live in us today.

2. Jesus came to show us all ways to answer our God's call—  
came to show us how to share, came to live with God's own care.
3. Jesus came God's work to do, came to live in me and you,  
came to turn the world around 'til God's peace and love is found.
4. Jesus came to show God's face, live God's love and be God's grace.  
God lives now in me, in you, God's at work in what we do.

#### 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 3:1-20a (New Testament, page 120)

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




 Psalm 4

1. Answer me when I call, O my God! You're my hope! You have heard my distress.  
Hear my prayers; be now gracious with me! For how long will I suffer this shame?  
For how long? For how long? Will the people dishonour my name?  
For how long? For how long? Will they love their vain words and their lies?
2. But I know that our God sets apart all of those who in faith seek God's grace;  
God will hear when we call out to God. God will answer and call us aside!  
When in pain, do not sin! Think of God and be quiet within!  
When in pain, do not sin! Think of God and be quiet within!
3. Give to God what is right! Trust the LORD! There are many who seek a good sign.  
Let the light of the LORD shine on us! God has put gladness deep in our hearts.  
There is joy, there is peace! More than when grain and wine do abound.  
There is joy, there is peace! God alone lets us find peaceful rest!


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

**Lesson from the New Testament Letters**

 First John 3:1-7 (New Testament, page 240)

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

**Lesson from the Gospel**

 Luke 24:36b-48 (New Testament, page 91)

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

**Sermon**

**Jesus and the Holy Ghost**

**Gospel Hymn**

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*Come to My Heart*

1. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come to my heart today. Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.
2. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
fill me with love today. Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.
3. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
Answer my prayer today. Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

**We Respond to God's Word**

**The Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity**

**Offertory**

*Olivia Brown and Borys Franciczek*

*A Song of their Choosing*

**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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*This Is God's Wondrous World*

1. This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres. This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise. This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks everywhere.
3. This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet. This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!

**Benediction and Commissioning  
Choral Response**

*Over My Head*

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

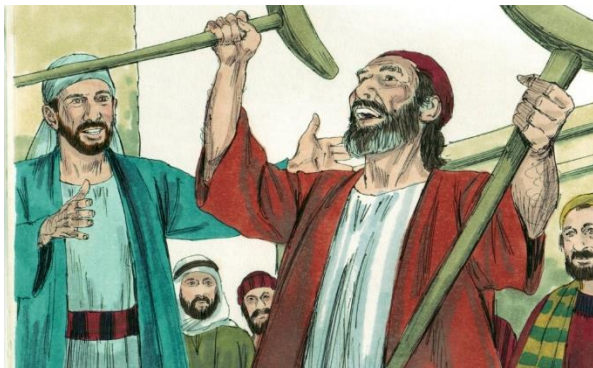
Refrain: **Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3x) There must be a God somewhere!**  
*Let the peace of God go with us... I hear music in the air...*  
*Let the love of Christ now lead us... I hear music in the air...*  
*Let God's Spirit lift our spirits... I hear music in the air...*  
**There 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 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**

The Order of Service is available at [www.laidlawchurch.ca](http://www.laidlawchurch.ca) on the home page.

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**...Inside the Cornerstone...**

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/XKG4aNdd1T8?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 a 7 p.m.*



**Tuesday Office Hours,** Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 9 a.m. till noon! Also, L'Arche Day!

**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!

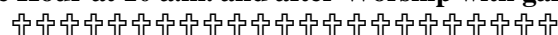
**Wednesday Gathering** Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 9:30 a.m. till noon! Join in crafts, conversation, coffee, projects!

**Work Day at the Church**—Thursday, April 18, 2024, 9-11 noon!—*coffee, labours, conversation, Join us!* AlAnon and Narc Anon groups meet!

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

**THE LAIDLAW MUSIC PROJECT**—Sunday, April 21, 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter,** Sunday, April 21, 2024, 11 a.m. **...Inside the Cornerstone...** 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!



## Upcoming Events

**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!

**BINGO!** Saturday, May 4, 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.

**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](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.

# Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Luke 24: 36-48

A B W T J O N C Q H G L I D R  
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GHOST	FRIGHTENED	FLESH	FEET	DEAD
BONES	DOUBTS	ATE	HANDS	TOUCH