



# Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114<sup>th</sup> 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

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Laidlaw Memorial United Church

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Untroubled Hearts”

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

Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

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Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!

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

📖 Acts 7, Psalm 31, First Peter 2, John 14

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

*Let us listen to God, who shows us salvation and love! God is our rock and refuge, who lifts us up!*

*Jesus came, showing us God's steadfast love and mercy! We're called to believe God's love; and do great things!*

#### Hymn of Praise

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*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

1. **Come, O fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace; streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of endless praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.**
2. **Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come, come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God, come to rescue me from danger, precious presence, precious blood.**
3. **O, to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you. Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known: here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for your very own.**

#### Prayer of Approach (Unison)

**Loving God, in Jesus, show yourself to us. In love and grace, redeem our lives, and call us to seek mercy.**

**Calm our troubled hearts. Show us the way; prepare a place for us; bring us to the place you have prepared. Build us into a spiritual house where love and mercy prevail.**

**God, in mercy; let us see that we are all your children. In Jesus, show us redeeming love that does great things.**

**Fill us with your Spirit; show us your steadfast love that restores joy! Amen!**

#### Anthem

*Everywhere I Go*

Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth

#### We Hear God's Word

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

#### Youth and Scripture

📖 First Peter 2:2-4

#### Building a Spiritual House

#### Young People Praying

#### Young People Singing

no. 60 in *All God's Children Sing*

*I Prayed in the Tub*

Words: Walter Farquharson Music: Ron Klusmeier

1. **I sat in the tub till I looked like a prune. My mother told me to get out soon, but I love to sit in the tub and think. I like to float and I like to sink!**

*Chorus:* **I prayed to God from right there in the tub, to give this whole world a vigorous scrub, to clean away what does not belong, to get busy now and fix what's wrong.**

2. **I thought about children that I did not know, who never play and who just don't grow. They haven't food or a place on this earth, no one who knows just how much they're worth.**

3. **I wondered why God let them suffer like that, why all of their enemies aren't laid out flat, and I thought that all things could be more fair if the rest of the world could just learn how to share.**

4. *and final chorus:* **And then I heard God's voice way down inside. The voice spoke to me and I almost died! "The idea's right! I'll start with you. You'll be surprised at what caring can do!"**

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#### 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 Acts of the Apostles

📖 Acts 7:55-60 (New Testament, page 126)

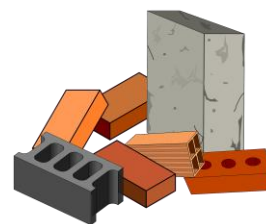
*This is the witness of the Church. Thanks be to God!*

#### Psalms Response

📖 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Tune: Walton, L.M. moderate


1. **In you, O LORD, I seek refuge now, deliver me now, don't let me fall in shame; Incline your ear to me, rescue me swiftly, be my rock, a strong fortress that saves.**



2. **You are indeed, my refuge and rock, you lead me and guide me for your own name's sake.  
You lift me from hidden traps and save me, My life is in your hands, I trust in you!**
3. **Now I will trust in you, O my LORD, For you are my God, my times are in your hands;  
Deliver me from the hands of my foes, Let your face shine, save me in steadfast love!**


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

### Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Peter 2:1-10 (New Testament, page 233)*

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

### Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 14:1-14 (New Testament, page 108)*

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

### Sermon

#### Untroubled Hearts

### Gospel Hymn

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*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

1. **In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
2. **There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
3. **In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

#### **We Respond to God's Word**

### Prayers of the People

### Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

### Offertory

*Loves Me Like a Rock*

*Words and Music: Paul Simon*

### 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.**

### Dedication Prayer

#### **In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve**

### Closing Hymn

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*We Praise You for the Sun*

*Words: Alice Muriel Pullen 1939 Music: Gifford Jerome Mitchell 1969 © 1983 Doris M. Gill*

1. **We praise you for the sun, the golden shining sun,  
That gives us healing, strength and joy; we praise you for the sun!**
2. **We praise you for the rain, the softy falling rain,  
That gives us healing, strength and joy; we praise you for the rain!**
3. **We praise you for your love, your patient, endless love,  
That gives us healing, strength and joy; we praise you for your love!**

### Commissioning and Benediction

### 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!*



### **Announcements**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Regular Office Hours for Rev. Doug are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9 a.m. till noon! Rev. Doug is '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, now officially 'half time' will consider Mondays and Fridays a 'day off'. You may always call if there is an urgent need!

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

### **This Week at Laidlaw**

**Office Hours!** Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

**Wednesday Office Hours!** Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

**Thursday Office hours!** Thursday, May 7, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, as well as set up for SEW Hungry and Marketplace.

**Green Venture at Laidlaw—community garden cleanup!** Thursday, May 7, 2026, 5 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, Rev. Doug will make chili for those who work up an appetite!

**SEW Hungry at Laidlaw! Meat Pies, Half and Half Draw, Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale—Saturday** May 9, 2026, we will start selling Meat Pies around 10:30 a.m., Half and Half Draw will take place at 2 p.m. Meat Pie meal for \$15! Table Sale is on, lots of vendors, tesla coil in the parking lot, and music! It will be a great event, come on out! The street is closed for the day! ***Come out and enjoy SEW Hungry this year!***

**Worship With Us at Laidlaw—MOTHER'S DAY: the Sixth Sunday of Easter,** Sunday, May 10, 2026, at 11 a.m. "...if you love me..." *Olivia Brown is at the keyboards.* Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday. Join us for Coffee Hour before worship at 10 a.m., and after worship, with games in the gym! **Livestream at [https://youtube.com/live/yHMzVfYA0\\_c](https://youtube.com/live/yHMzVfYA0_c)**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers!** Thursday, May 14, 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](mailto:anyamodel@yahoo.ca) **BINGO!** Saturday, May 16, 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!

**FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Paramount Studios 'THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE'** Friday, May 22, 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!

**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! **We still need 8 raffle prizes and 28 penny sale prizes! Thanks for your support!**

**The 'The Women of Laidlaw' will gather!** Monday, May 25, 2026, at noon! All women of the church are welcome to join us for conversations, working on helping with events at Laidlaw, and Rev. Doug will make lunch!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**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 for Coffee Hour and weekdays!** 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!*

**The Women of Laidlaw make meat pies and shepherd's pies.** *Ask about the next batch, and get yours! Meat Pies are \$7 each, Shepherd's Pies are \$8 each! A great meal at a great price! Speak to Nancy Scaachi!*

**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](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 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.*

**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!*



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at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

# Sew HUNGRY

AT LAIDLAW CHURCH

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**  
*Inside or Outside, depends on the weather!*

**10:00 a.m. TILL SELL OUT!**  
MEAT PIE, GRAVY, ONIONS, COLE SLAW  
WATER, POP, TEA OR COFFEE

**\$15.00 PER PERSON**

TABLES & CHAIRS INSIDE AND OUT!  
JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE!  
NEW THIS YEAR: HALF AND HALF DRAW!  
Held Under Lottery License  
Winning Ticket Drawn at 2:00 p.m.  
Proceeds to LAIDLAW CHURCH ACTIVITIES!



LAIDLAW MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
AT THE CORNER OF CANNON AND OTTAWA STREETS

# BINGO

Saturday, January 17, 2026  
Saturday, February 7, 2026  
Saturday, March 14, 2026  
Saturday, April 11, 2026  
Saturday, May 16, 2026  
Saturday, June 13, 2026

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m.  
Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Refreshments Available  
NEW, IMPROVED PRIZES!  
\$10 for Ten Jap Sheets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.  
Two 50/50 3up Games, \$2 and \$3 to play.  
Cash Prize is half of game sheet sales.  
Family Friendly Area and Adult Friendly Area  
Children must be accompanied by a guardian at least 18 years old  
Held under Ontario Lottery License



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# Movie Night at Laidlaw Church



**Friday, May 22, 2026**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS 6:30 P.M.  
NOTE: NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY START TIME!

**Free Admission**  
POPCORN, HOTDOGS, OILS, NACHOS, PIZZA AND DRINKS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE!  
AN ALL AGES EVENING OF FUN (RATED PG)  
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw  
Shown under Church Video License—its all legal!



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# Penny Sale Prize Raffle Half & Half Raffle Bake Sale

**Saturday,  
May 30, 2026  
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!)  
Held under City of Hamilton Charitable Lottery License



# "I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Based on John 14:1-14



N S X L I F E S B H U M Y A B  
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HOUSE  
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PLACE  
ROOMS  
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HEARTS  
TRUST  
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