



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114th 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

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Mother's Day

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

“...if you love me...”

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

Sunday, May 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream URL: https://youtube.com/live/yHMzVfYA0_c

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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!



Don't Forget to 'Like Us' on YouTube! 'Subscribe' and get notified of upcoming livestreams! If you are online or in Person, 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!

Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!

Musician: Steve McRae, B. Mus, A.R.C.T., Dipl. A.A.

At the Keyboards Today: Olivia Brown.

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 17, Psalm 66

The Lord be with you! And also, with you!
God is not the product of our imagination or skill! God made the universe—we are God's offspring!
In God, we live and move and have our being! Bless God, let praise be heard! God gives life!

Hymn of Praise

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There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *refrain*
2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, 'He died for all.' *refrain*

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Creator God, you give us life; you hear our prayers; you have always loved all the diversity of all you have created! You call us to be accountable; to trust Jesus and learn how to do what is good without fear. You teach us to welcome one another, celebrating our differences, rejoicing in all that we have in common. You remind us that we are not alone; we are your children; and you will help us!

As we seek to know and be known, let your love prevail. In Jesus Christ, renew us as the children of your creation. Let your Spirit live in us, that we may live, endure, and thrive together in love and peace, Amen.

Anthem

Hallelujah

Words and Music: Leonard Cohen Arranger: Roger Emerson

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 Acts 17:23

Know the Unknown

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 5 in *Seasons of the Spirit Songbook*

And God Said Yes

Words and Music: Norman C. Habel and Richard Koehnke ©1968

1. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Said yes to the world once more, Said yes with a cosmic roar, said open that other door Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
2. For God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Let's splash the sky with light, Let's float the earth in space, Let's dance away the night. Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
3. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Let's make a people free, Complete the mystery, and loving Earth with me. Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
4. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Let Jesus Christ be born! Let's find him in the straw! Let's blast the shepherd's horn! Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
5. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes to his broken son! Yes to his open wound! Yes to the broken tomb! Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
6. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! We'll leap the swirling sky, We'll leap the hungry grave! We'll never stop to die, Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
7. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Said yes to that other door! Says yes when we say no! Says yes with a cosmic roar! Says yes, yes, yes, with me!



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 17:22-31 (New Testament, page 137)

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

Psalm Response


Tune: TOPLADY 777777 moderate

 Psalm 66:8-20

1. Bless our God, let praise be heard! God gives life, and keeps us safe! God will test, refine and cleanse; God will burden us with hope! We will fail, feel fire and flood, yet God saves us in the end!
 2. I will bring a gift for God; I will pay to God my vows! What I promised in distress, I will give in fire and smoke, Rams and bulls, my vows fulfil, and I'll tell God's gracious deeds!
3. Come and hear, all who fear God, I cried out to God in pain! If I'd justified my sin, God would not have heard my prayers. Truly God has heard my prayer! Blessed be God, whose love endures!


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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 First Peter 3:13-22 (New Testament, page 234)

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Lesson from the Gospel

 John 14:15-21 (New Testament, page 109)

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

Sermon

"...if you love me..."

Gospel Hymn

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I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Teach Your Children

Words and Music: Graham Nash

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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As Comes the Breath of Spring

1. As comes the breath of spring with light and mirth and song, so does your Spirit bring new days brave, free, and strong. You come with thrill of life to chase hence winter's breath, to hush to peace the strife of sin that ends in death.
2. You come like dawning day with flaming truth and love, to chase all glooms away, to brace our wills to prove how wise, how good to choose the truth and its brave fight, to prize it, win or lose, and live on your delight.
3. You come like songs at morn that fill the earth with joy, till we, in Christ, newborn, new strength in praise employ. You come to rouse the heart from drifting to despair, through high hopes to impart life with an ampler air.
4. You breathe and there is health; you move and there is power; you whisper, there is wealth of love, your richest dower. Your presence is to us like summer in the soul; your joy shines forth and then life blossoms to its goal.

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: May 12-14 Movie Crew at Laidlaw! Holding, Filming, welcome!

Office Hours! Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, May 14, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, as well as set up for Bingo.

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

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Heavenly Gawkers" 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/PmenvLFWVLs>

Upcoming Events

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 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 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!*



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 3up 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 parent at least 18 years old
Held under Ontario Lottery License



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at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

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, CHILI, 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



A Mother's Day Word Search

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.
Proverbs 4:1



Complete the word search activity.

S J L Q B B M M S F J U S A R
Z W K Y F A M I L Y R D Q G H
V S I H N C S P T R L I N Z P
O I S A D Q P Z J T E V E A K
M L S W I Z E I N L L W Q N P
M P E Z V E C E P W O I Q E D
D O S Z M S I M V H V S W U C
H L T J Z T A T H G I E E H H
W E K H A X L H N L N G W U Q
T I L P E T Q I L A G V X G A
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J Y N E F I A W C E D Q Q T W
P I R X G U I K R K X L J H N
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P E L I D I Q F W X A C D N N

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