



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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

“Heavenly Gawkers”

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

Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/PmenvLFWVLs>

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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!



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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: Shavini Fernando Pinto.

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 1, First Peter 4

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

It is not for us to know the times and seasons God sets. But God's Spirit gives the power of prayer and praise! God restores, supports, strengthens, and lifts us up! Let us give praise and glory to God now and forever!

Hymn of Praise

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Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation; O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation. Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near, joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning, keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining. Have you not seen how all you needed has been met by God's gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us; surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us: ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who out of love will befriend us.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath come now with praises before him! Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly with praise we adore him.

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

God, you guide us like a loving parent. In Jesus you share our sufferings, showing us there is a way through. Guide us through all our worries, until by love, faith, and hope, we prevail. Surprise and overwhelm us with help and grace, as we look to you in reverence and respect. God, you are our future! As we follow Jesus, strengthen us to remain steadfast in faith, hope and love. Let your Spirit raise our spirits to new life, with joy, Amen!

Anthem

My Saviour

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig Music: Don Besig

We Hear God's Word

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

📖 First Peter 5:7

Youth and Scripture

ANXIETY

Young People Praying Young People Singing

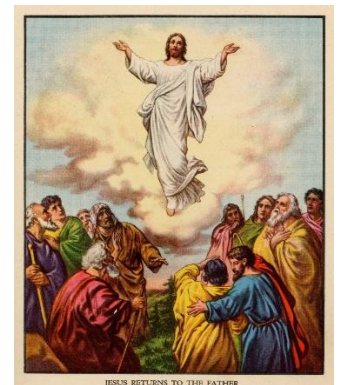
no. 61 in *All God's Children Sing*

Blest Be the God of Israel

Words: Michael Perry Music: Hal Hopson, "Merle's Tune"

**Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
Who visits and redeems us, and gives us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring all people peace!**

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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 1:6-14 (New Testament, page 118)

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

Psalm Response

Tune: ALL THE WAY 8787D moderate


📖 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1. Let our God rise up and scatter those who hate God's gracious way! Smoke and wax cannot endure long, neither can a wicked way. Let the righteous now be joyful, let them dance, exult in God!
Sing a song of praise to God's name; let our joy reach to the clouds!
2. In the Holy place of our God, orphans find a happy home; Widows find a place of safety; prisoners find their lives restored. Rebels find no place of comfort; our God leads us as before, In the wilderness our God marched, let God's fire and cloud lead us!
3. When God moves, the earth starts shaking, like that day at Mount Sinai! God gives rain and all abundance; God restores what drought may take. God will make a home for us here, in God's goodness, we'll abide!
God provides for all the needy; Sing to God all earthly realms!


4. **Ancient God, you ride the heavens, your voice rings throughout the earth! Let us sing of God's great power; power used to feed the poor! Let the power of God be well known, on the earth, and in the skies!**
Our great God is truly awesome; blessed be God who gives us strength!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (New Testament, page 235)*
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 17:1-11 (New Testament, page 111)*
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Heavenly Gawkers

Gospel Hymn

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Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. **Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.**
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. **Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.**
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.**
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Give a Little Bit

Words and Music: *Rick Davies and Roger Hodgson*

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 Me What Great Thing I Know

1. **Ask me what great thing I know that delights and stirs me so, what the high reward I win, whose the name I glory in: Jesus Christ, the crucified.**
2. **Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes? Who revives my fainting heart, healing all that grief imparts? Jesus Christ, the crucified.**
3. **Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be? Who holds all my days secure, in God's heart where love is sure? Jesus Christ, the crucified.**
4. **This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so: faith in Christ who died to save, Christ who triumphed o'er the grave, Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

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 19, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, May 21, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, as well as set up for Movie Night.

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—PENTECOST COMMUNION, Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Good for Everything" Steve McRae 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/lh98iM7EW3g>**

Upcoming Events

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 3 raffle prizes and 5 penny sale prizes! Thanks for your support!**

The 'The Women of Laidlaw' will gather in June! Date to be announced! The plan is to have an annual day out!

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, June 4, 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 anymodel@yahoo.ca

BINGO! Saturday, June 13, 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!

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 need flour, Tenderflake Lard for baking, 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 Scacchi!

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!*



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Movie Night at Laidlaw Church

THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE
SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS

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



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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 guardian at least 18 years old
Held under Ontario Lottery License



Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



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