



# 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

# Trinity Sunday

“The Joy of Creation”

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

**Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**

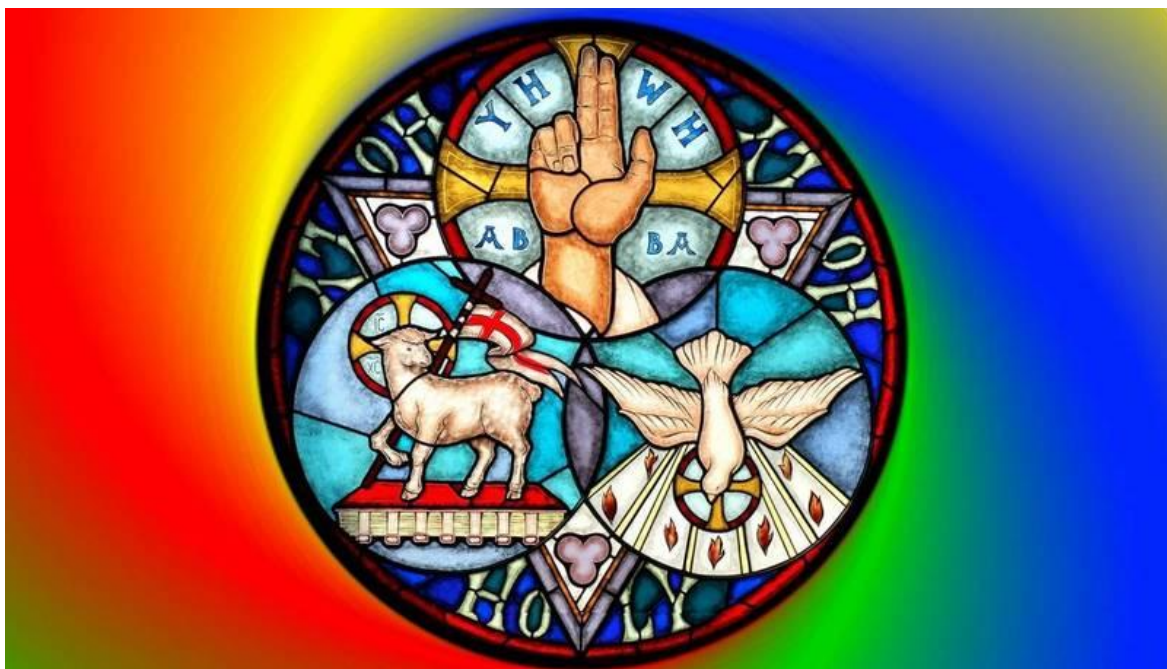
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Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!

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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at [www.laidlawchurch.ca](http://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.*

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

📖 Genesis 1, Matthew 28, 2 Corinthians 13

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

*God, who created heaven and earth, calls us together! Jesus calls us to come, saying, "I am with you always!"*

*The Holy Spirit brings order and gives us peace. Let us worship God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!*

#### Hymn of Praise

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*Worship the Lord*

*Refrain: Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!*

- 1. Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing,  
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one! refrain*
- 2. Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing,  
we are committed to serving humanity, worship and work must be one! refrain*
- 3. Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,  
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one! refrain*
- 4. Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled,  
truly united to build new communities, worship and work must be one! refrain*
- 5. Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, Creator, to offer our living,  
seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one! refrain*

#### Prayer of Approach (Unison)

**Creator God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you made heaven and earth, called them good, giving us all purpose, joy, and rest!**

**You give us power, joy, and wisdom so that we may create abundance and joy in ourselves, and for others. You call us to respect all creation. In worship you give us strength for our labours.**

**God, our Creator, we are, all of us, your new creation; Show us the way of peace still being revealed in Jesus Christ; bind us together in love by the power of your Spirit at work in each and all, Amen.**

#### Anthem

*Jesus Will Make Us His Own*

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!

#### Youth and Scripture

📖 Matthew 28:19

What's a Trinity Sunday?



#### Young People Praying

#### Young People Singing

no. 48 in All God's Children Sing

*Shout for God!*

Words: Watler Farquharson Music: Ron Klusmeier

- 1. Shout for God! Make a Happy Sound! Clap for God! God is all around!**
- 2. Hush for God! Let the quiet sing. Wait for God! Deepest feelings bring.**
- 3. Sing for God! Sing a pleasant song! Work for God! Good replaces wrong!**
- 4. Praise our God! Care for all God's friends! Love our God! God's love never ends!**

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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 Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Genesis 1:1-2:4a (Old Testament, page 1)

*This is the Word of the LORD. Thanks be to God!*

#### Psalms Response

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📖 Psalm 8

- 1. O LORD God, our Sov'reign, how majestic your name! On earth, above heaven, all your glory does shine!  
All babies and infants do speak out your praise! All those who oppose you are in silence made still.**
- 2. When I look at heaven, all the work of your hands, The moon and the stars that you have set in the sky;  
Why are you so mindful of all human beings? Why care you for mortals that you notice our dreams?**


3. Yet you have made people a bit lower than God! You've crowned us with glory and with dignity too!  
You've given us pow'r over all you have made, All sheep and all oxen, every beast of the field.
5. The birds of the air, too, and the fish of the sea, Whatever comes to us by the paths of the seas!
6. You've made us the rulers of all you have made! O LORD God, our Sov'reign, how majestic your name!

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

### Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Second Corinthians 13:11-13* (New Testament, page 186)  
*This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!*

### Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 28:16-20* (New Testament, page 34)  
*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*

### Sermon

#### The Joy of Creation

### Gospel Hymn

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*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
2. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings have such gracious judgement given.
3. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that Christ has shed;  
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
4. Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?
5. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

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

### Prayers of the People

#### Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

#### Offertory

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
Words and Music: *Traditional African Spiritual*

### Doxology

57 in *Songs for a Gospel People*, vs. 1-2

1. Of all the Spirit's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease To take and treasure most these three: love, joy and peace.
2. God shows me love is at the root of every gift sent from above, of every flower of every fruit, that God is love.

### Dedication Prayer

#### **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!

### Commissioning and Benediction

#### Choral Response

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Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the love of God surround you, Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

#### 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

**TODAY: East Hamilton Strings at Laidlaw** Sunday, May 31, 2026, 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$10. Everyone is welcome—it is amazing to hear these young people perform classical and contemporary live music on violin, cello, and bass.

**Office Hours!** Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!—Rev. Doug will be late to the office Tuesday morning, about 10 a.m.

**Wednesday Office Hours!** Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

**Thursday Office hours!** Thursday, June 4, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together, and get the church ready for recitals this weekend.

**Long and McQuade Recitals at Laidlaw** Friday, June 5, in the evening, and Saturday, June 6, morning and afternoon. You are welcome to come hear the young people play!

**Worship With Us at Laidlaw—SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST,** Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 11 a.m. "That Grace Might Abound" 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/oEPFOSBtFW0>

### Upcoming Events

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

**RECITAL SEASON AT LAIDLAW:** Lara DeBeyer, June 13; Nicole Christian, June 20; The Music Stand June 27! You are always welcome to listen in!

**Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason** the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, June 11, 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, 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!

**FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Paramount Studios 'SMURFS'** Friday, June 19, 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!

### 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 \$10 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](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!*



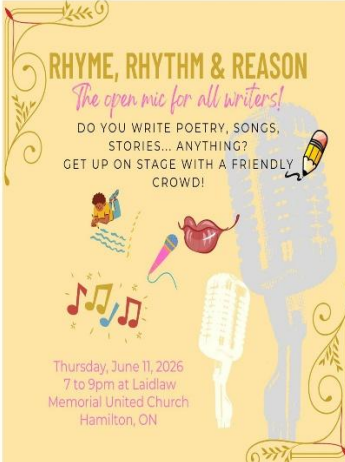
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You are welcome to Join us for  
**Summer Sundays**  
**At Laidlaw Church**  
We're open every Sunday for Worship  
In June, July and August—and online too!

 **Air Conditioned**  
and **Prayer Conditioned** 

Activities for Children every Sunday  
Coffee Hour Before and After Worship  
Games in the Gym after Worship

 Join us for  
**Sundae Sunday July 19**  
Join us for  
**Christmas in August, August 23**



**RHYME, RHYTHM & REASON**  
*The open mic for all writers!*  
DO YOU WRITE POETRY, SONGS,  
STORIES... ANYTHING?  
GET UP ON STAGE WITH A FRIENDLY  
CROWD!

Thursday, June 11, 2026  
7 to 9pm at Laidlaw  
Memorial United Church  
Hamilton, ON



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 guardian at least 18 years old  
Held under Ontario Lottery License



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**Movie Night at Laidlaw Church**



**Friday, June 19, 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 and Half Draw**  
**Bake Sale**

**Saturday,**  
**September 26, 2026**  
Ottawa Street Sale Day

**Doors Open at 12 noon**  
**Draws begin at 2 p.m.**

There is something for everyone!  
Great Penny Sale Items  
and Scrumptious Home Baking!

**Come in Time for LUNCH!**

# And It Was Very Good

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a (NIV).



N P S B S K N D S B K J G R L  
 P U D I K O M E A W G N T S I  
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 S B V D U R R P G N K P O G H  
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HEAVENS	EARTH	PLANTS	SEAS	CREATED
NIGHT	DAY	WATER	FISH	SKY
TREES	DARKNESS	BIRDS	FEMALE	GOD
LIGHT	ANIMALS	BEGINNING	MALE	LAND